

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE RESOLUTION 327
Rules and Operations of the Senate
Committee Substitute Senate Resolution Adopted 6/16/99

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 11, 1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
3 OF THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH.

4 Whereas, the Town of Wrightsville Beach was incorporated by the General
5 Assembly on March 6, 1899; and

6 Whereas, Wrightsville Beach's early officers included Samuel Northop as
7 Mayor, W.R. Kenan and Ernest Williams as Aldermen, and Thomas W. Davis as Clerk
8 and Treasurer; and

9 Whereas, at the time of the Town's incorporation, 50 cottages and several
10 hotels dotted the landscape of the Wrightsville Beach area; and

11 Whereas, Wrightsville Beach lies east of Wilmington in New Hanover County,
12 just across the Intracoastal Waterway; and

13 Whereas, in earlier days, the trolley was the only means of transportation for
14 those on the mainland to reach Wrightsville Beach; and

15 Whereas, the trolley served as a crucial delivery system for food, ice, and other
16 supplies needed by the islanders and operated until 1934, at which time, a great fire
17 destroyed the entire northern end of the island; and

18 Whereas, the Carolina Yacht Club, located in the heart of Wrightsville Beach,
19 remains one of the oldest boating clubs in the United States, demonstrating the rich
20 tradition of sailing in the Cape Fear area; and

1 Whereas, one of Wrightsville Beach's most legendary attractions included the
2 Lumina, a grand pavilion that served as a gathering place for nearly 68 years and hosted
3 such great entertainers as Louis Armstrong, Woody Herman, and Cab Calloway; and

4 Whereas, Wrightsville Beach's beautiful beaches, great sailing, water skiing,
5 and other recreational activities cater to families with generations returning year after
6 year; and

7 Whereas, the small year-round population of 3,050 continues to preserve the
8 integrity of Wrightsville Beach, ensuring that the 12,000 summer visitors return every
9 year; and

10 Whereas, today, the Wrightsville Beach Preservation Society holds an annual
11 event commemorating the Town as it stood in the 1930s and 1940s; and

12 Whereas, the citizens of Wrightsville Beach have been actively preparing for
13 the Town's 100th anniversary; Now, therefore,

14 Be it resolved by the Senate:

15 Section 1. The Senate congratulates the Town of Wrightsville Beach on its
16 100th anniversary and urges the citizens of this State to participate in the activities
17 commemorating this historic occasion.

18 Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
19 to the Mayor of the Town of Wrightsville Beach.

20 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.