

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 51*

Sponsors: Representatives Gibson; and Goodwin.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

February 6, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF
2 BISCOE ON THE TOWN'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, the Town of Biscoe was first known as "Filo", but was named
4 "Biscoe" after Major Biscoe, a respected Philadelphia lumber and grain merchant, who
5 bought such large amounts of lumber and grain from the region; and

6 Whereas, the General Assembly ratified an act to incorporate the Town of
7 Biscoe on January 29, 1901; and

8 Whereas, the first officers of the Town of Biscoe were Mayor William B.
9 Hicks, Commissioners Frank K. Sturdivant, William H. Thompson, Junius R. Page,
10 Arthur W. Burt, Sr., Charles C. Martin, and Town Marshall J. William Ewing; and

11 Whereas, the founding fathers of the Town of Biscoe included many
12 members of the prominent Page family, including Robert N. Page, who donated the land
13 on which the first school was built and served as a United States Congressman; Frank
14 Page, who was manager of the Aberdeen and Asheboro Railway Company and later
15 played a significant role in making North Carolina known as the "Good Roads State";
16 Walter H. Page, who was Ambassador to Great Britain; and Junius R. Page who was
17 one of the first Town Commissioners; and

18 Whereas, due in great part to the railroad owned and operated by the Page
19 family, industry and economic growth surged and the Town of Biscoe soon prospered;
20 and

21 Whereas, several of the industries formed in the early days of the Town of
22 Biscoe, most notably the cotton mill, the foundry, and various machine industries
23 continue to be major employers in the area; and

24 Whereas, because of the dedication of Town leaders to the education of the
25 citizens of Biscoe, the Town of Biscoe is home to one of the first State-supported high
26 schools in North Carolina and is the site of one of the oldest existing school buildings
27 erected specifically to house a State-supported high school; and

28 Whereas, for years, children traveled more than 20 miles from Randolph and
29 Moore Counties by rail to attend school in the Town of Biscoe; and

1 Whereas, as in the early days, the schools are still the center for social activity
2 in the Town; and

3 Whereas, the Town of Biscoe's citizens have always been in the forefront
4 when it was necessary to send young men and women to serve in time of war and
5 several of the Town's finest and brightest young men have given their lives for our
6 country; and

7 Whereas, the Town of Biscoe is known as the "Crossroads of the World" and
8 will continue to grow and prosper through the next century because of the dedication
9 and insight of its leaders and citizens in making wise decisions just as their founding
10 fathers did in 1901; and

11 Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Biscoe wish to celebrate its centennial
12 event by honoring those from the past who worked so hard or gave their lives to make
13 sure that the Town would always be a great place to live; Now, therefore,
14 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

15 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the founders of the
16 Town of Biscoe and extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Town of
17 Biscoe upon the Town's centennial anniversary.

18 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
19 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Biscoe.

20 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.