

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2001-1
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 19**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Biscoe wish to celebrate its centennial event by honoring those from the past who worked so hard or gave their lives to make sure that the Town would always be a great place to live; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

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

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

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 7th day of February, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives