

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR10179-LG-159* (03/14)

Sponsors: Representatives Ross and Coleman (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE FOUNDERS OF
2 THE TOWN OF GARNER ON THE OCCASION OF THE TOWN'S ONE
3 HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, the Town of Garner was originally known as "Garner's Station"
5 when the Town was chartered by the General Assembly in 1883; and

6 Whereas, the Town's charter was repealed in 1891, but in 1905, the Town of
7 Garner was reincorporated by the General Assembly; and

8 Whereas, the Town's first officers were Mayor J.B. Richardson, Aldermen
9 H.D. Rand, J.J. Bagwell, H. Bryan, M.C. Penny, J.S. Buffaloe, and Constable Ernest
10 Jones; and

11 Whereas, Henry Fort, an African-American cabinetmaker and carpenter,
12 established the Town's first business; and

13 Whereas, the Town's first bank opened in 1910 with H.D. Rand as president
14 and J.A. Weathers as cashier; and

15 Whereas, although many of the Town's earliest citizens farmed for a living,
16 some established mercantile stores, drug stores, cotton gins, livery stables, boarding
17 houses, and repair shops; and

18 Whereas, in 1912, telephone service was provided to 10 subscribers, with
19 Vera Jones operating the switchboard from her home; and

20 Whereas, Garner has continued to grow and prosper through the continued
21 dedication, insight, and planning of the Town's concerned leaders and citizens; and

22 Whereas, the year 2005 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Garner;
23 and

24 Whereas, celebrations of this historic anniversary have been held since July 3,
25 2004, leading to the grand finale on April 16, 2005; and

26 Whereas, this occasion is worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed and
27 supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of
2 the Town of Garner and congratulates the Town on its 100th Anniversary.

3 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
4 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Garner.

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