

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 868*

Sponsors: Representatives Love; and Lewis.

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

March 19, 2007

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

3 Whereas, the Town of Broadway, located in Lee County, was founded in the
4 1870s by settlers who were mainly involved in the turpentine industry; and

5 Whereas, the Town's first post office was located in the General Store, which
6 was owned by M.M. Watson, who served as postmaster; and

7 Whereas, the area began to thrive in part due to the development of Atlantic
8 and Western Railroad in 1905; and

9 Whereas, the Town of Broadway was incorporated on March 8, 1907, with its
10 boundaries established as one-half mile around the Atlantic and Western Railroad
11 depot; and

12 Whereas, the Town's charter provided that its first officers include M.A.
13 McLeod as Mayor and J.M. Langley, M.M. Watson, and A.P. Thomas as
14 Commissioners; and

15 Whereas, education has always been of great importance to the citizens of
16 Broadway beginning with the establishment of the Broadway Normal School by
17 Professor M.A. McLeod around 1890; and

18 Whereas, after the turn of the century, agriculture and lumbering became the
19 prominent businesses in the area; and

20 Whereas, some local businesses that helped Broadway prosper were
21 Chandler-Farlow Lumber (1907), the Bank of Broadway (1909), Broadway Drug Store
22 (1913), Stevens Milling Company (1945), and many other businesses and services; and

23 Whereas, religion has been a cornerstone in the growth of Broadway with the
24 development of many strong churches, including Cameron Grove A.M.E. (1876),
25 Broadway Methodist (1907), Broadway Presbyterian (1907), Broadway Baptist (1924),
26 and many others; and

27 Whereas, Broadway has become a unique and thriving community of 1,200
28 citizens, preparing for the future with pride in the past; and

1 Whereas, plans have been made to celebrate the Town's centennial
2 throughout the year, including a Centennial Celebration Weekend on April 20 and 21,
3 2007, with plans for several community events; Now, therefore,

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of
6 the Town of Broadway and congratulates the Town on its centennial anniversary.

7 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
8 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Broadway.

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