

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 100
Adopted 2/19/91**

Sponsors: Senators Martin of Guilford, Seymour, and Shaw.

Referred to: Rules.

February 19, 1991

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE UNIVERSITY
2 OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO AND URGING THE GOVERNOR
3 TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE UNIVERSITY'S
4 CENTENNIAL.

5 Whereas, the people of North Carolina are deeply indebted to the North
6 Carolina General Assembly of 1891 and other leaders of just over a century ago whose
7 vision created on February 18, 1891, the State Normal and Industrial School, now the
8 University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and

9 Whereas, special honor is accorded the memory of Charles Duncan McIver
10 for his unrelenting work as an advocate to establish the State Normal and Industrial
11 School; and

12 Whereas, in the efforts to establish the State Normal and Industrial School,
13 the people of North Carolina also are indebted to such persons as: Edwin A. Alderman,
14 who served with Charles Duncan McIver in conducting County Teacher Institutes
15 across the State in 1889-91; Major Sidney M. Finger, Superintendent of Public
16 Instruction; Governor Daniel G. Fowle; Dr. J.L.M. Curry, Executive Secretary of the
17 Peabody Fund; educators J.Y. Joyner, M.C.S. Noble, E.P. Moses, and others; and

18 Whereas, efforts to establish the State Normal and Industrial School to
19 provide higher education for women and to help meet the State's need for teachers drew
20 strong support from such organizations as the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, the
21 North Carolina Farmers' Alliance, and the King's Daughters; and

1 Whereas, in creating the State Normal and Industrial School on February 18,
2 1891, the General Assembly appropriated ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the first
3 year and elected a Board of Directors; and

4 Whereas, in June of 1891, the Board of Directors accepted the City of
5 Greensboro's generous bid of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) plus a campus site and
6 made plans to locate the new institution in Greensboro; and

7 Whereas, the State Normal and Industrial School, led by President Charles
8 Duncan McIver, opened its doors to 198 students on October 5, 1892; and

9 Whereas, from that beginning, the school grew into the University of North
10 Carolina at Greensboro, an institution of academic excellence with an enrollment today
11 of nearly 12,000 students; which offers undergraduate study in 100 areas, masters
12 degrees in 68 fields, and 14 doctoral degrees; whose faculty members make major
13 contributions to the State and nation through their teaching, research, and public service;
14 which has awarded more than 60,000 degrees; and which has over 50,000 living alumni;
15 and

16 Whereas, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, its alumni around
17 the world, and its friends and supporters near and far, are looking forward to celebrating
18 a century of splendid, dedicated service by the University to the advancement of
19 knowledge, the welfare and best interests of the citizens of this State and of people
20 elsewhere; and toward the economic progress of North Carolina;

21 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

22 Section 1. The Senate recognizes and honors the founders of the University
23 of North Carolina at Greensboro for their vision, commends the University for its
24 contributions to North Carolina and its people, extends congratulations on the occasion
25 of the institution's upcoming centennial celebration, and eagerly anticipates a second
26 century of service by the University on behalf of the people of North Carolina and the
27 nation.

28 Sec. 2. In order to recognize further the centennial celebration of the
29 University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the Senate urges the Governor to issue a
30 proclamation commemorating the founding of the University of North Carolina at
31 Greensboro on February 18, 1891.

32 Sec. 3. The Principal Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to
33 William E. Moran, the ninth chief executive officer of the University of North Carolina
34 at Greensboro and the sixth to hold the title as its Chancellor and to Governor James G.
35 Martin.

36 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.