

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1991**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 1263\***

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Sponsors: Senator Allran.

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Referred to:

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July 1, 1992

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF CATAWBA  
2 COUNTY ON ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

3       Whereas, by 1840, the residents of the northern section of Lincoln County  
4 began to express their dissatisfaction with having to travel a great distance to the county  
5 seat of Lincolnton; and

6       Whereas, in 1842, Nathaniel Wilson was elected to the General Assembly by  
7 running a successful political campaign calling for the division of the northern section  
8 of Lincoln County; and

9       Whereas, with the leadership and assistance of Nathaniel Wilson, Catawba  
10 County was formed from Lincoln County in 1842; and

11       Whereas, Catawba County is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 1992; and

12       Whereas, Catawba County was named for a Native American ethnic group  
13 that had lived in that area; and

14       Whereas, during the formation of Catawba County, the primary ethnic groups  
15 included Germans, Scot-Irish, and Africans; and

16       Whereas, the early settlers made great contributions to the county as farmers  
17 and craftsmen; and

18       Whereas, education was a major concern of the founding fathers of Catawba  
19 County and remains a key objective of its current government; and

20       Whereas, agriculture was the mainstay of Catawba County's economy until  
21 World War II, when farming was supplanted by industry; and

22       Whereas, business and industry have played an integral part in the economic  
23 development of Catawba County; and

24       Whereas, the citizens of Catawba County are proud of their religious heritage  
25 which includes many denominations; and

1           Whereas, the Catawba County Sesquicentennial Planning Committee and  
2 volunteers have been planning a year-long commemoration of the establishment of  
3 Catawba County; and

4           Whereas, the Catawba County sesquicentennial year will be observed through  
5 educational programs, concerts, ethnic festivals, a fireworks display, aerial displays,  
6 dramas, tours, exhibitions, and other entertainment and recreational activities; and

7           Whereas, this occasion is worthy of recognition by the North Carolina Senate;  
8 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

9           Section 1. The Senate wishes to honor the founders of Catawba County and  
10 urges all North Carolinians to join the citizens of Catawba County in celebrating the  
11 Catawba County Sesquicentennial.

12           Sec. 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to  
13 the Catawba County Sesquicentennial Planning Committee and to the Chair of the  
14 Catawba County Board of Commissioners.

15           Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.