

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR35030-LG-5 (1/8)**

Sponsors:     Senator Rand.

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Referred to:

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1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF  
2        BLADENBORO ON THE TOWN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

3        Whereas, the area that would later become the Town of Bladenboro began  
4    with a land grant of 200 acres to Rohan Redin in 1779; and

5        Whereas, in 1857, Robert Tate arrived in the area from Scotland and  
6    established a turpentine distillery; and

7        Whereas, in 1885, brothers R.L. and H.C. Bridger moved to the Town from  
8    South Carolina and later established a number of businesses which produced or  
9    manufactured turpentine, cotton, and farming supplies; and

10       Whereas, the Bridger family continued to contribute to the Town by founding  
11   the Bank of Bladenboro and Bladenboro Cotton Mills; and

12       Whereas, the success of the Town was due in part to the railroad which aided  
13   in distributing the products produced in the Town and attracting new industry and  
14   citizens; and

15       Whereas, in the early 1890s, the Town was the site of an academy, the largest  
16   educational facility of its kind in the State at that time; and

17       Whereas, the Town was incorporated on February 12, 1903, by an act of the  
18   General Assembly; and

19       Whereas, the Town's first officers were D.B. Edwards, Mayor, and H.C.  
20   Bridger, Council Thompson, and Alexander Shaw, Commissioners; and

21       Whereas, the Town has continued to grow, improve, and prosper as a result of  
22   continued dedication, insight, and planning of its leaders and over 1,700 citizens; Now,  
23   therefore,

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

25       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the founders of the Town of  
26   Bladenboro.

1           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Bladenboro  
2 on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and encourages the people of this State to participate in  
3 activities commemorating this special occasion.

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

6           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.