

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

Sponsors: Senator Rand.

Referred to: Calendar 2/12/03.

February 11, 2003

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF
2 BLADENBORO ON THE TOWN'S 100TH 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.

27 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Bladenboro
28 on its 100th anniversary and encourages the people of this State to participate in
29 activities commemorating this special occasion.

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

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