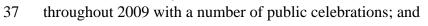
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2009

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 233

	Sponsors: Representatives Avila; Dollar, Jackson, Martin, and Wray.
	Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.
	February 23, 2009
1	A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF WAKE
2	FOREST WHILE CELEBRATING THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH
3	ANNIVERSARY.
4	Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest, located in northern Wake County, has a rich
5	history that began in 1832, when the North Carolina Baptist Convention purchased a 615-acre
6	plantation from Dr. Calvin Jones near the Forestville community to establish a school to train
7	future ministers; and
8	Whereas, the school opened as Wake Forest Institute in 1834 and after a number of
9	successful years became Wake Forest College; and
10	Whereas, the trustees of the College helped to attract new residents and businesses
11	to the area when they sold a portion of the College's land and had the Forestville railroad depot
12	moved closer to the campus; and
13	Whereas, some of the early businesses in the area included W.W. Holding and
14	Company, cotton merchants; Wake Forest Supply Company, which later became Jones
15	Hardware; the Bolus Department Store; the Wilkinson General Store; Dickson Brothers Dry
16	Goods; Brewer & Sons Feed and Grocery Store; and Keith's Grocery Store; and
17	Whereas, in 1880 the area was incorporated as the Town of Wake Forest College;
18	and
19	Whereas, in 1899 W.C. Powell, R.E. Royall, and T.E. Holding built the Town's first
20	industry, Royall Cotton Mill, which produced muslin sheeting from local cotton; and
21	Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest was reincorporated by the General Assembly on
22	February 20, 1909; and
23	Whereas, the 1909 Wake Forest charter provided that the Town's officers were S. J.
24	Allen as Mayor and C. E. Brewer, Z. V. Peed, O. K. Holding, F. W. Dickson, and C. E. Gill as
25	Commissioners; and
26	Whereas, during the first half of the 20 th century, the Town of Wake Forest
27	continued to flourish, contributing to the social, cultural, political, and economic prosperity of
28	the State of North Carolina; and
29	Whereas, during the 1950s, Wake Forest College moved to Winton-Salem and U.S.
30	1 was relocated to the west of town, but the Town of Wake Forest was able to attract new
31	businesses and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and
32	Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest continues to grow, improve, and prosper
33	through the continued dedication, insight, and planning of concerned leaders and citizens; and
34	Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest has a current population of over 26,000 people;
35	and
36	Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest will be celebrating its centennial anniversary
37	throughout 2009 with a number of public celebrations: and





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1	Whereas, this occasion is worthy of recognition and should be enjoyed and
2	supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,
3	Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:
4	SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the founders of the Town of Wake
5	Forest for their contributions to the Town.
6	SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its sincere congratulations and best
7	wishes to the Town of Wake Forest on the Town's 100th anniversary.
8	SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
9	resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Wake Forest.
10	SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.