

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2009-4
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 435**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF FUQUAY-VARINA WHILE RECOGNIZING THE TOWN'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, in an area known as Sippihaw, because of an earlier settlement of Sippihaw Indians, Stephen Fuquay discovered a mineral spring on land that he was farming, and he invited friends and neighbors to drink from the spring; and

Whereas, at the turn of the 20th century, the mineral spring became a focal point for visitors who traveled from all over the United States by railroad to partake in the spring water that was believed to contain "healing powers;" and

Whereas, the resort community of Fuquay Springs established an economic center for southern Wake, western Johnston, and northern Harnett counties; and

Whereas, the Town of Fuquay Springs was officially chartered by the State of North Carolina on March 6, 1909; and

Whereas, the economic activity in Fuquay Springs shifted to agricultural production with Fuquay Springs being the home of a major tobacco market for decades; and

Whereas, as a part of an annexation of unincorporated Varina, a regional railroad junction, in 1963, Fuquay Springs was renamed Fuquay-Varina, becoming the second largest municipality in North Carolina with a hyphenated name; and

Whereas, the last 15 years has seen Fuquay-Varina evolve from an agricultural community to a small commercial center with an ever-expanding residential base; and

Whereas, Fuquay-Varina continues to embrace growth while preserving the small town values that makes it a distinctive community in North Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Stephen Fuquay for his contributions to the development of the Town of Fuquay-Varina.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly recognizes the Town of Fuquay-Varina's centennial anniversary and encourages the citizens of this State to participate in activities commemorating this historic occasion.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Fuquay-Varina.



SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of March,

2009.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives