

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1313*

Sponsors: Representatives Hensley; Blue, Fussell, Jordan, Pope, and Stamey.

Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

July 12, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE 1792 GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY, THE NINE CAPITAL COMMISSIONERS, AND ISAAC HUNTER
3 ON THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CITY OF
4 RALEIGH AS THE CAPITAL OF NORTH CAROLINA.

5 Whereas, between 1777 and 1790, members of the General Assembly
6 introduced without success several bills to establish a permanent seat of government;
7 and

8 Whereas, the Constitutional Convention of 1788 addressed this issue and
9 adopted an ordinance providing that the location of the capital be established within 10
10 miles of the Isaac Hunter Plantation in Wake County; and

11 Whereas, on January 5, 1792, the General Assembly ratified the action of the
12 Constitutional Convention and permanently established the seat of government for the
13 State of North Carolina in Wake County; and

14 Whereas, a legislative commission, consisting of eight members representing
15 the eight judicial districts of the State and one at-large member, was assigned to select a
16 site in Wake County for a State capital, survey and lay off a town, sell lots to
17 prospective citizens, and determine a particular site for a State house; and

18 Whereas, on March 20, 1792, five of the nine commissioners met at Isaac
19 Hunter's Tavern in Wake County to begin their task; and

20 Whereas, the commission viewed several sites and, on April 2, 1792,
21 purchased 1,000 acres of the Joel Lane Plantation and later completed its mission; and

22 Whereas, the General Assembly ratified the actions of the commission and
23 named the city Raleigh on December 31, 1792; and

1 Whereas, 1992 will mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the City of
2 Raleigh as the capital of North Carolina; and

3 Whereas, a planning committee has been actively preparing a year-long
4 celebration to mark the significance of this historic occasion;

5 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

6 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of the members of the
7 1792 General Assembly, the nine Capital Commissioners, and Isaac Hunter on the
8 200th anniversary of the founding of the City of Raleigh as the capital of North
9 Carolina.

10 Sec. 2. The General Assembly encourages the citizens of this State to
11 participate in all of the activities planned for this historic occasion.

12 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.