

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2001**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1455**

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Sponsors: Representatives Rogers and Culpepper.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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May 31, 2001

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF CIVIL WAR  
2 VETERANS IRA T. HARDISON AND JOHN F. MCNAIR, AND OTHERS  
3 BURIED IN THE WINDLEY CEMETERY AND COMMENDING THE  
4 EFFORTS OF THE WINDLEY CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE  
5 ASSOCIATION, INC., AND THE PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY IN RESTORING  
6 AND PRESERVING THAT CEMETERY.

7       Whereas, the Windley Cemetery Perpetual Care Association, Inc., a private  
8 nonprofit association, was formed in 1993 by a group of civic-minded citizens in the  
9 Town of Plymouth; and

10       Whereas, association members were enormously successful in soliciting  
11 private donations totaling \$125,000 from relatives who had loved ones interred in the  
12 Windley Cemetery and from other members of the Plymouth community to sustain a  
13 tax-free Perpetual Care Fund for the Windley Cemetery; and

14       Whereas, after this achievement, the association decided to restore the  
15 Windley Cemetery to the prominent burial ground that it had once been; and

16       Whereas, the Windley Cemetery was first used as a cemetery during the Civil  
17 War era; and

18       Whereas, the cemetery contains several acres of land with 1,500 grave sites;  
19 and

20       Whereas, many graves of known Civil War Veterans have been discovered in  
21 the cemetery, including those of Ira T. Hardison, Company A, 17<sup>th</sup> North Carolina  
22 Infantry and John F. McNair, Company E, 52<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Infantry; and

23       Whereas, some of those buried in the cemetery were casualties of the Battle  
24 of Plymouth, which was fought twice, once with the Confederates winning the battle  
25 and some weeks later with the Union Forces regaining possession of Plymouth; and

26       Whereas, the Battle of Plymouth was the only time the Southern Army  
27 performed this feat; and

28       Whereas, association members have completed several projects in their  
29 efforts to restore the Windley Cemetery, including:

- 1           (1) Identifying those who fell victim of the war as well as those who  
2           survived and are interred in the cemetery.  
3           (2) Fencing the entire cemetery with a brick and wrought iron fence across  
4           the front and with a split rail fence on each side and the rear.  
5           (3) Constructing a monument and erecting a flagpole in honor of the  
6           deceased veterans and others who are buried in the cemetery.  
7           (4) Landscaping the entire cemetery.  
8           (5) Installing gravel and paving four access lanes; and

9           Whereas, these restoration projects were financed with additional funds  
10 outside of the Perpetual Care Fund; and

11           Whereas, the actions taken in restoring the Windley Cemetery will forever be  
12 a reminder to the Plymouth community and the State of our past war history and how  
13 that history influences our lives today; Now, therefore,

14 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

15           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Ira T.  
16 Hardison, John F. McNair, and others buried in the Windley Cemetery and commends  
17 the Windley Cemetery Perpetual Care Association, Inc., and the Plymouth Community  
18 for recognizing the need to preserve the Windley Cemetery.

19           **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this  
20 resolution to the Windley Cemetery Perpetual Care Association, Inc.

21           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.