

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1543*

Sponsors: Representative Weiss.

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

June 6, 2002

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING JEREMIAH MORRIS, FOUNDER OF THE
2 TOWN OF MORRISVILLE, ON THE TOWN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, the Town of Morrisville is the oldest community in Wake County
4 established along the North Carolina Railroad; and

5 Whereas, the Town was named for Jeremiah Morris, who donated three acres
6 of land to the North Carolina Railroad for a water station, woodshed, and other
7 buildings in 1852; and

8 Whereas, Jeremiah Morris established the first post office in the Town in
9 March of 1852 and became the Town's first postmaster; and

10 Whereas, the Town served as a polling place in 1859; and

11 Whereas, on April 13, 1865, the Town was the site of one of the last battles of
12 the Civil War; and

13 Whereas, by the 1870s the Town was home to six general stores, several
14 churches, a hotel, and a steam sawmill; and

15 Whereas, also during this time, the Town supported a cabinetmaker, a lawyer,
16 and four physicians; and

17 Whereas, the Town was chartered on March 3, 1875; and

18 Whereas, by the 1880s, the Town's population was 165; and

19 Whereas, Samuel Horne opened a knitting mill in the Town in 1910; and

20 Whereas, the Town's charter was repealed in 1933 and rechartered in 1947;

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22 Whereas, in 1976, the Town purchased the Morrisville Christian Church
23 building which served as the first Town Hall; and

24 Whereas, the Town's growth and attractiveness is evident from the number of
25 residents who have chosen to make Morrisville their home; and

26 Whereas, the Town's population was 251 in 1980 and 1,469 in 1990; and

27 Whereas, the Town currently estimates its population to be 10,315; and

28 Whereas, the Town should be commended on its 150th anniversary; Now,
29 therefore,

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Jeremiah Morris
3 in helping to establish the Town of Morrisville.

4 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Morrisville
5 on its 150th anniversary and encourages the people of this State to participate in
6 activities commemorating this special occasion.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this
8 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Morrisville.

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