

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1334**

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Sponsors: Representatives Farmer-Butterfield, Yongue, Bonner (Primary Sponsors);  
Tolson and Goodwin.

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

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July 7, 2003

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE CITIES OF WILSON AND  
2 LAURINBURG ON BEING NAMED 2003 ALL-AMERICA CITIES.

3       Whereas, each year the National Civic League honors 10 communities that  
4 best exemplify the spirit of grassroots citizen involvement and cross-sector collaborative  
5 problem solving; and

6       Whereas, since 1949, more than 4,000 communities have competed and  
7 nearly 500 communities have been named All-America Cities; and

8       Whereas, the 10 recipients selected from this year's 48 competitors were the  
9 Cities of Wilson and Laurinburg along with Tempe, Arizona; New Haven, Connecticut;  
10 Miami Beach, Florida; Des Moines, Iowa; Marquette County, Michigan; South Sioux  
11 City, Nebraska; Corpus Christi, Texas; and Greater Racine Area, Wisconsin; and

12       Whereas, individuals, businesses, government agencies, and nonprofit  
13 organizations in Laurinburg and Wilson worked together to improve their communities  
14 through cultural diversity, affordable housing, and increased access to health care; and

15       Whereas, Laurinburg's All-America City Award Committee made a  
16 presentation highlighting the City's use of SCOTTY, a mobile health care unit, which  
17 travels throughout Scotland County performing free health care services; the City's  
18 study of the needs of its children, which resulted in the creation of educational after  
19 school programs; and the City's efforts to increase home ownership by replacing  
20 dilapidated rental housing with affordable homes; and

21       Whereas, Wilson's All-America City Award Committee's presentation  
22 highlighted the completion of the Oliver Nestus Freeman Round House, which was  
23 made into a museum exhibiting the importance of African-Americans in Wilson's  
24 history; the redevelopment of East Wilson, which has resulted in improved home  
25 ownership, a decrease in crime, better looking neighborhoods, and decreased rental  
26 property; and the Citizens for a Healthier Wilson's campaign, which provided  
27 immunizations and lead screening exams for children and reduced adolescent  
28 pregnancies; and

1           Whereas, the All-America City distinction is a favorable attribute for cities in  
2 attracting new residents, businesses, industry, and grants; and

3           Whereas, Laurinburg and Wilson join a small number of cities with multiple  
4 All-America City Awards, with Laurinburg previously winning in 1956 and 1967 and  
5 Wilson in 1973; and

6           Whereas, Wilson's and Laurinburg's accomplishments exemplify community  
7 spirit and deserve recognition; Now, therefore,

8 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

9           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives recognizes the Cities of  
10 Laurinburg and Wilson on being named All-America Cities. The House of  
11 Representatives congratulates the members of the Laurinburg and Wilson All-America  
12 City Award Committees and the citizens of Laurinburg and Wilson for their hard work  
13 in helping their communities receive this national recognition.

14           **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this  
15 resolution to the Mayor of Wilson and the Mayor of Laurinburg and to the members of  
16 the Cities of Wilson and Laurinburg All-America City Award Committees.

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