

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

**SESSION 2005
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2005-42
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1164**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF TABOR CITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the Town of Tabor City was first known as "Tabor" when it was incorporated by the General Assembly on February 5, 1905, but in 1935, the name of the Town was changed to Tabor City; and

Whereas, the Town was named for Mount Tabor Baptist Church, which was organized in the area around 1840; and

Whereas, the first officers of the Town were Mayor Condary W. Brown and Commissioners L.M. Stephens, D.L. Harrelson, and W.C. Graham; and

Whereas, Condary W. Brown also served as the Town's first postmaster; and

Whereas, in its early years, due in part to the expansion of the railroad, Tabor City's industry and economy prospered; and

Whereas, in 1889, Charles H. Inman and Jasper Inman established the area's first mercantile store, which specialized in dry goods and groceries; and

Whereas, in 1905, Jesse Lewis established Enterprise Grocery, which became the Town's first brick building; and

Whereas, by 1909, a number of businesses had settled in the area, including a turpentine mill, tobacco warehouse, livery stable, and a hotel; and

Whereas, in 1910, the Bank of Tabor, Harrelson's Pharmacy, and a strawberry crate factory opened for business; and

Whereas, during the 1920s, a number of merchants opened businesses in the Town, including Charlie C. Soles, who established the C.C. Soles Company, a general merchandise business that sold groceries, furniture, hardware, and other necessities and was later named C.C. Soles and Sons, when sons, Wallace Soles and Robert C. Soles joined the business; and

Whereas, during the 1930s and 1940s, dairy, produce, and lumber products contributed to the Town's economic prosperity; and

Whereas, during the 1950s, Tabor City was known as the Yam Capital of the World; and

Whereas, from the 1960s through the 1990s, tobacco production was the most important industry in Tabor City; and

Whereas, today, more than 2,500 citizens make Tabor City their home; and

Whereas, for 100 years, Tabor City has made significant contributions to the social, cultural, and economic prosperity of the State of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of the Town of Tabor City for the contributions they made to the development of the Town.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Tabor City on its 100th anniversary and encourages the citizens of this State to join the Town in celebrating this historic occasion.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Tabor City.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of July, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives