

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2274\***

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Sponsors: Representatives Rapp and Haire (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Pursuant to Rule 32(a); Calendar for Immediate Consideration. Passed  
2nd and 3rd Readings.

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May 21, 2008

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BICENTENNIAL OF HAYWOOD  
2 COUNTY AND HONORING JOHN HAYWOOD, FOR WHOM THE COUNTY  
3 IS NAMED.

4       Whereas, during the 1808 legislative session of the General Assembly,  
5 Representative Thomas Love of Buncombe County introduced a bill establishing a new  
6 county in the western portion of North Carolina; and

7       Whereas, the legislation passed on December 23, 1808, resulting in the  
8 formation of Haywood County; and

9       Whereas, Haywood County was named for John Haywood, who served as  
10 State Treasurer of North Carolina from 1787 to 1827; and

11       Whereas, Haywood County's rugged terrain features 19 mountain peaks over  
12 6,000 feet above sea level; and

13       Whereas, Waynesville, the County's seat of government and the commercial  
14 and cultural capital of the Great Smoky Mountains, was named after Revolutionary War  
15 Hero "Mad" Anthony Wayne; and

16       Whereas, in Professor W. C. Allen's book, "The Annals of Haywood  
17 County," the last shot of the Civil War was fired on May 9, 1865, near Waynesville in  
18 Haywood County. The local Confederate forces, composed of Cherokee Indians and  
19 local citizens under the command of Colonel William H. Thomas ("Thomas's Legion")  
20 and Colonel John R. Love, had demanded the surrender of the federal forces of Colonel  
21 Bartlett of New York. They had apparently not heard of the surrender by General  
22 Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, on April 9, 1865. These  
23 Confederate forces then surrendered in Waynesville on May 10, 1865, and were the last  
24 forces of the Confederacy to surrender; and

25       Whereas, during the County's early history, much of its growth was as a result  
26 of the railroad's expansion into the area in 1882; and

27       Whereas, the State of North Carolina held its first annual summer teachers'  
28 institute at the White Sulphur Springs Hotel in Waynesville in 1884; and

1           Whereas, Champion Fibre Company's paper and pulp mill, founded by Peter  
2 G. Thomson, now known as Evergreen Packaging and employing 1,600 persons in  
3 Canton and Waynesville, began production in 1908 and is celebrating its centennial  
4 anniversary; and

5           Whereas, Lake Junaluska, a 1,200-acre United Methodist Assembly, was  
6 established in 1913 and now serves as the home of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the  
7 United Methodist Church; and

8           Whereas, in 1926, the voters in Haywood County approved a \$100,000 bond  
9 issue to finance the first county-built public hospital in the State; and

10          Whereas, the citizens of Haywood County have made significant  
11 contributions to the social, cultural, political, and economic prosperity of the State of  
12 North Carolina; and

13          Whereas, Haywood County has been home to many great North Carolinians  
14 including: Governor Daniel K. Moore (1965-1969); Raymond Fairchild, a well-known  
15 banjo player and creator of the "Fairchild Style" banjo playing technique, who has  
16 entertained audiences around the world; Marc Pruett, a talented banjo player and  
17 Grammy Award winner, who is currently a member of the Balsam Range Bluegrass  
18 Band; and Fred Chappell, an author, professor, and multiple literary award winner, who  
19 served as North Carolina's Poet Laureate from 1997 to 2002; and

20          Whereas, Colonel William Holland Thomas was one of the earliest and  
21 possibly the greatest lawyer and political figure in the history of Haywood County and  
22 was the first lobbyist. His character is central to the Charles Frazier book "Thirteen  
23 Moons." He was primarily responsible for the purchase of the Qualla Boundary, which  
24 was established as a reservation for the remaining members of the Cherokee Indians,  
25 known as the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians; and

26          Whereas, several Haywood County residents have served in Congress,  
27 including Felix Walker, James M. Gudger Jr., William T. Crawford, James M. Moody,  
28 and Heath Shuler; and

29          Whereas, Judge Felix Eugene Alley (1873-1957) is considered to be the most  
30 well-known judge from Haywood County. He held court all over North Carolina and  
31 was also the author of "Random Thoughts and Musings of a Mountaineer" and "What  
32 Think Ye of Christ?"; and

33          Whereas, the late Johnny M. Killian of Maggie Valley was a lawyer who  
34 advised Congress for more than 44 years on constitutional matters while serving as  
35 senior specialist in American public law at the Congressional Research Service, a  
36 branch of the Library of Congress; and

37          Whereas, Haywood County is home to "Folkmoot," the International Festival  
38 of Music and Dance; and

39          Whereas, Haywood County has within its boundaries four incorporated  
40 towns: Canton, Clyde, Maggie Valley – the clogging capital of the world – and  
41 Waynesville, which serves as the county seat; and

42          Whereas, Haywood County is the only county in the State that has a water  
43 supply that originates entirely within its boundaries; and

1           Whereas, Haywood County's natural beauty and proximity to the Great  
2 Smoky Mountains make it an ideal tourist destination; and

3           Whereas, Haywood County is known as a mecca for visitors year-round to  
4 attractions like Ghost Town in the Sky, The Cataloochee Ranch, the Great Smoky  
5 Mountains National Park, and the Cataloochie Ski Area; and

6           Whereas, Haywood County served as the setting for Asheville-born author,  
7 Charles Frazier's best-selling Civil War novel, "Cold Mountain," which was made into a  
8 movie in 2003; and

9           Whereas, Haywood County has continued to grow and prosper through the  
10 continued dedication, insight, and planning of the County's concerned leaders and  
11 citizens; and

12           Whereas, Haywood County has a population of more than 56,000 and is the  
13 third-largest county in Western North Carolina; and

14           Whereas, plans have been made to celebrate the County's bicentennial  
15 throughout the year during several community events; and

16           Whereas, Haywood County's bicentennial celebration is worthy of celebration  
17 and should be enjoyed and supported by all North Carolina citizens; Now, therefore,  
18 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

19           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of John  
20 Haywood and expresses appreciation for the contributions he made to this State.

21           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates Haywood County on its  
22 bicentennial and joins the County's citizens in celebrating this historic occasion.

23           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
24 resolution to the Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Haywood County.

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