

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**Simple  
Resolution  
Adopted**

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1340  
Adopted 7/17/03**

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Sponsors: Representatives McComas, Justice, Stiller, and Wright (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Placed on Today's Calendar.

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July 17, 2003

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE GREATER WILMINGTON  
2 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150<sup>TH</sup>  
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was established in  
5 1853 with 39 of the 40 houses of trade in attendance at the first meeting and Robert W.  
6 Brown, Esquire, called to Chair and D. McRae, Esquire, appointed Secretary; and

7 Whereas, the Chamber was formed to promote area businesses and strengthen  
8 the local economy; and

9 Whereas, the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is the oldest  
10 Chamber in North Carolina and is among the oldest in the United States; and

11 Whereas, for 150 years the Chamber has dedicated itself to serving the  
12 Wilmington area business community by listening to its members and providing them  
13 with benefits and services to support their successes, advocating positions on those  
14 business-related issues most beneficial to its members and to the community, and  
15 participating in initiatives that positively affect the quality of life in the community; and

16 Whereas, the Chamber's mission is enhanced through proactive leadership  
17 and partnerships throughout Southeastern North Carolina; and

18 Whereas, the Chamber's membership has grown to more than 1,650  
19 businesses strong, enabling the Chamber to continue to establish and promote programs  
20 that help area businesses prosper and strengthen the economy of the State of North  
21 Carolina; Now, therefore,

22 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

23 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the founders of the  
24 Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

25 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives congratulates the Greater  
26 Wilmington Chamber of Commerce on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and encourages area

1 businesses to continue to support the valuable work performed by the Chamber on their  
2 behalf.

3           **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this  
4 resolution to the Chair of the Board of Directors and to the President and CEO of the  
5 Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

6           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.