

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1797\***

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Sponsors: Representative Wilkins.

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Referred to:

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August 23, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THE TOWN OF  
2 ROXBORO ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH  
3 ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN'S INCORPORATION.

4 Whereas, the Town of Roxboro, located in central Person County, was once a  
5 stagecoach stop between Hillsborough and South Boston; and

6 Whereas, for many years, the area was known as Moccasin Gap and later as  
7 Roxborough for the Town of Roxburgh, Scotland; and

8 Whereas, in 1793, a newly built courthouse enabled the area to become the  
9 county seat; and

10 Whereas, the Town of Roxboro was incorporated on January 9, 1855; and

11 Whereas, the Town of Roxboro's first officers included Mayor W.R. Reade,  
12 Commissioners G.D. Satterfield, C.S. Winstead, James Wright, and E.G. Reade; and

13 Whereas, other early officers of the Town of Roxboro included W.R. Reade,  
14 magistrate of police; Stephen M. Dickens, treasurer; Henry Satterfield, constable; John  
15 M. Winstead, overseer of the streets; and Benjamin A. Thaxton, secretary; and

16 Whereas, Roxboro has been home to many great North Carolinians,  
17 including: The Honorable William W. Kitchin, a former six-term member of the United  
18 States House of Representatives and Governor of the State of North Carolina; Reginald  
19 L. Harris, former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives; Enos Slaughter, an outstanding baseball player and member of the  
21 National Baseball Hall of Fame; and Jim Thorpe, a well-known golfer and member of  
22 the Senior PGA Tour; and

23 Whereas, Roxboro is known for its contributions to industry and agriculture;  
24 and

25 Whereas, Roxboro has a population of 8,861 citizens and has continued to  
26 grow and prosper through the continued dedication, insight, and planning of the Town's  
27 concerned leaders and citizens; and

28 Whereas, the year 2005 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of  
29 the Town of Roxboro and is worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed and supported  
30 by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

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

2       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the early settlers  
3 of the Town of Roxboro and congratulates the Town on its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

4       **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
5 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Roxboro.

6       **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.