

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 233

Sponsors: Representatives Avila; Dollar, Jackson, Martin, and Wray.

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

February 23, 2009

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF WAKE
2 FOREST WHILE CELEBRATING THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest, located in northern Wake County, has a rich
5 history that began in 1832, when the North Carolina Baptist Convention purchased a 615-acre
6 plantation from Dr. Calvin Jones near the Forestville community to establish a school to train
7 future ministers; and

8 Whereas, the school opened as Wake Forest Institute in 1834 and after a number of
9 successful years became Wake Forest College; and

10 Whereas, the trustees of the College helped to attract new residents and businesses
11 to the area when they sold a portion of the College's land and had the Forestville railroad depot
12 moved closer to the campus; and

13 Whereas, some of the early businesses in the area included W.W. Holding and
14 Company, cotton merchants; Wake Forest Supply Company, which later became Jones
15 Hardware; the Bolus Department Store; the Wilkinson General Store; Dickson Brothers Dry
16 Goods; Brewer & Sons Feed and Grocery Store; and Keith's Grocery Store; and

17 Whereas, in 1880 the area was incorporated as the Town of Wake Forest College;
18 and

19 Whereas, in 1899 W.C. Powell, R.E. Royall, and T.E. Holding built the Town's first
20 industry, Royall Cotton Mill, which produced muslin sheeting from local cotton; and

21 Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest was reincorporated by the General Assembly on
22 February 20, 1909; and

23 Whereas, the 1909 Wake Forest charter provided that the Town's officers were S. J.
24 Allen as Mayor and C. E. Brewer, Z. V. Peed, O. K. Holding, F. W. Dickson, and C. E. Gill as
25 Commissioners; and

26 Whereas, during the first half of the 20th century, the Town of Wake Forest
27 continued to flourish, contributing to the social, cultural, political, and economic prosperity of
28 the State of North Carolina; and

29 Whereas, during the 1950s, Wake Forest College moved to Winton-Salem and U.S.
30 1 was relocated to the west of town, but the Town of Wake Forest was able to attract new
31 businesses and the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

32 Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest continues to grow, improve, and prosper
33 through the continued dedication, insight, and planning of concerned leaders and citizens; and

34 Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest has a current population of over 26,000 people;
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36 Whereas, the Town of Wake Forest will be celebrating its centennial anniversary
37 throughout 2009 with a number of public celebrations; and



1 Whereas, this occasion is worthy of recognition and should be enjoyed and
2 supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the founders of the Town of Wake
5 Forest for their contributions to the Town.

6 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sincere congratulations and best
7 wishes to the Town of Wake Forest on the Town's 100th anniversary.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
9 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Wake Forest.

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