

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF PRINCEVILLE, THE
STATE'S OLDEST INCORPORATED BLACK COMMUNITY.

Whereas, the founders of Princeville were freedmen, many of whom were carpenters and artisans; and

Whereas, the founders embodied a love of freedom so great that the community they established was once known as Liberty Hill or Freedom Hill; and

Whereas, the founders and citizens of Princeville greatly enriched the culture and heritage of this State through their many significant contributions and services; and

Whereas, the citizenry of Princeville has included such notable men as William Mabson, a dedicated teacher who served as a member of the State legislature and the State Constitutional Convention of 1875 and Robert Taylor, the esteemed editor of the Edgecombe Watchman who served in the North Carolina Senate; and

Whereas, the first town officers were such men of integrity as Milton Pittman, the first mayor of Princeville and Turner Prince, one of the first commissioners whose name the town now bears; and

Whereas, the town of Princeville was incorporated on February 20, 1885; and

Whereas, Princeville holds the distinction of being the oldest incorporated black community in North Carolina and its citizens proudly continue the tradition of independent leadership and spirit of service exemplified by the community's founders and first citizens;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The 1985 North Carolina General Assembly honors the lives and works of the founders and early citizens of Princeville and recognizes their significant contributions to the culture and heritage of North Carolina by observing the Centennial Celebration of Princeville.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the Town Clerk of the Town of Princeville.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 15th day of February, 1985.