

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2028

Sponsors: Representatives Stewart and Wicker.

Referred to: Rules Suspended.

May 22, 1989

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CITY OF DUNN FOR ITS
2 ACHIEVEMENT OF NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS "ALL AMERICA CITY".

3 Whereas, the citizenry of Dunn has an unusually strong heritage of
4 community pride; and

5 Whereas, the City's religious, civic, and political leaders in their respective
6 and various roles are charged with the task of evaluating and appraising the status quo;
7 and

8 Whereas, community leaders, in their infinite wisdom, sensed a possible
9 relapse in citizen involvement in the community and grew concerned that such a relapse
10 would lead to the resurgence of an old enemy, citizen apathy; and

11 Whereas, Dunn and its people, in concert with the Chamber of Commerce
12 and with the full support of 55 voluntary organizations and 50 churches, immediately
13 charted a course of community improvement to enhance the quality of life; and

14 Whereas, the course to community improvement led to the initiation of a
15 "Community Pride" program in 1984 which was carried out by all of the Chambers of
16 Commerce in Harnett County, as well as the entire citizenry of the County, and which
17 has had a highly beneficial impact on a multicounty area, to wit:

18 (1) A failing hospital, originally designed for 117 beds, became a "state of
19 the art" community hospital with a wide variety of specialized medical
20 services, 16 new physicians, and a fully-funded five-million-dollar
21 building program, and

22 (2) The home of General William C. Lee, an international military hero
23 and "Father of the Airborne", was developed into a center of
24 community life and tourism; and

1 Whereas, the Dunn Public Housing Authority has provided 143 units for low-
2 income families and 340 other apartments for low and moderate-income families and
3 elderly citizens, amounting to an investment of \$2.7 million dollars; and

4 Whereas, an extensive downtown revitalization program was initiated
5 involving 25 longtime downtown merchants and the expenditure of \$2.7 million dollars,
6 and for which the City of Dunn contributed \$180,000 to improve streets in low-income
7 neighborhoods; and

8 Whereas, 36 new businesses opened in Dunn in 1988 with an additional
9 \$60,000,000 invested in industrial plant expansion resulting in the creation of
10 approximately 1,100 new jobs; and

11 Whereas, a regional economic development organization was created,
12 including a small business incubator which has already attracted six tenants; and

13 Whereas, the Dunn City Council voluntarily and harmoniously redrew voting
14 district lines to facilitate fair and equal representation on the Council; and

15 Whereas, an application was filed with the National Civic League to enter the
16 City of Dunn in the "All America City" competition; and

17 Whereas, the City of Dunn was selected as one of 30 finalists from a field of
18 over 400 entrants to compete in the national finals held in Chicago on May 11-13, 1989;
19 and

20 Whereas, City officials at the Chicago finals participated in conferences and
21 interviews, and made a near perfect presentation to judges of the competition; and

22 Whereas, on May 13, 1989, the City of Dunn was named "All America
23 City" and received this prestigious award at a banquet for award recipients;

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

25 Section 1. The City of Dunn and its citizens are recognized and commended
26 for receiving the prestigious "All America City" award for their outstanding services and
27 efforts toward improving the quality of life of its citizens.

28 Sec. 2. The "All America City" award earned by the City of Dunn brings great
29 pride to the citizens of Harnett County and all citizens of the great State of North
30 Carolina.

31 Sec. 3. The Principal Clerk shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the
32 Mayor of the City of Dunn and to the President of the Dunn Chamber of Commerce.

33 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.