

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 2028  
Adopted 5/22/89**

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Sponsors: Representatives Stewart and Wicker.

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Referred to: Rules Suspended.

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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

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

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

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

11 Whereas, 36 new businesses opened in Dunn in 1988 with an additional  
12 \$60,000,000 invested in industrial plant expansion resulting in the creation of  
13 approximately 1,100 new jobs; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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