

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1024**

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Sponsors: Senators Plyler and Conder.

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Referred to: Rules.

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April 27, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS AND EARLY SETTLERS  
2 OF THE TOWN OF WAXHAW ON ITS CENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE.

3 Whereas, the Town of Waxhaw in Union County is celebrating its centennial  
4 in 1989; and

5 Whereas, Union County was formed from parts of Anson and Mecklenburg  
6 Counties in 1842 and was formerly a part of New Hanover and Bladen Counties; and

7 Whereas, Union County got its name as a result of a dispute between the  
8 Whigs and Democrats as to whether it should be named Clay or Jackson, but  
9 "Union" was suggested and adopted as a compromise because the new county was a  
10 union of parts from the other counties; and

11 Whereas, during this time no regular townships existed and the affairs of the  
12 county were managed by militia districts, which came to be known as "Captain's  
13 Beats" and usually assumed the name of the commanding officer of that particular  
14 locality; and

15 Whereas, the town developed about midway between the center of the Old  
16 Waxhaws Settlement and its northeastern fringe where Andrew Jackson, Sr., father of  
17 President Andrew Jackson, settled his family; and

18 Whereas, the Town of Waxhaw was developed on a rock ridge, on the  
19 western edge of Union County in the southernmost tip of North Carolina's Piedmont  
20 plateau; and

21 Whereas, during the 1880s many families lived along the roads and the  
22 trading route near the site where the Town of Waxhaw now stands; and

1           Whereas, in the 1880s cotton was grown commercially in the Town of  
2 Waxhaw because the soil was unusually suitable for its growth and the pace of  
3 development accelerated with the coming of the Georgia, Carolina, and Northern  
4 Railway in the Spring of 1888; and

5           Whereas, Duncan C. McDonald was the first man to establish residence and  
6 business within the town limits of Waxhaw and also the first Postmaster of the Town of  
7 Waxhaw; and

8           Whereas, in 1888, Colonel James C. Davis and his family moved to the Town  
9 of Waxhaw from Scotland County and he became the first Mayor of the Town of  
10 Waxhaw;

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

12           Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of the  
13 founders and early settlers of the Town of Waxhaw on its centennial observance.

14           Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
15 to the Town of Waxhaw and to the Centennial Committee.

16           Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.