

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 32
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3rd day of August, 1989.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

J. L. Mavretic
Speaker of the House of Representatives