

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1995**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 1098**

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Sponsors: Senators Smith, Cochrane, and Hartsell.

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July 4, 1995

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH  
2 ANNIVERSARY OF SPENCER SHOPS.

3 Whereas, Southern Railway began construction on Spencer Shops, a massive  
4 steam locomotive and freight car rebuild and repair facility in Rowan County in 1896;  
5 and

6 Whereas, the communities of Spencer and East Spencer sprang up around the  
7 shops providing a community and homes for the thousands who were employed by the  
8 shops; and

9 Whereas, Spencer Shops continued to provide jobs and critical services for the  
10 Southern Railway until 1979; and

11 Whereas, Southern Railway donated the 57-acre complex to the State of North  
12 Carolina; and

13 Whereas, thousands of dollars and volunteer hours have been invested in the  
14 preservation and restoration of Spencer Shops; and

15 Whereas, Spencer Shops is now the home of the North Carolina Transportation  
16 Museum and hosts over 80,000 visitors per year whose tourism dollars are estimated to  
17 have an economic impact of \$30,000,000 through the year 2000; and

18 Whereas, a major restoration of the Spencer Shops Roundhouse will be  
19 completed in 1996; and

20 Whereas, transportation, and particularly the railway industry, has been an  
21 important factor in the economic growth of North Carolina and the prosperity enjoyed by  
22 its citizens;

1 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

2           Section 1. The Senate wishes to recognize the 100th Anniversary of the  
3 Spencer Shops in Rowan County. The Senate further wishes to encourage the citizens of  
4 this State as well as railway enthusiasts throughout the country to join the Senate and the  
5 citizens of the Town of Spencer in supporting and participating in celebration activities  
6 on the 100th Anniversary of Spencer Shops in 1996.

7           Sec. 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to  
8 the Mayor of the Town of Spencer.

9           Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.