

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 20
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1153

A JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN OF FRANKLINVILLE AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF JESSE FRANKLIN.

Whereas, the antebellum cotton factories of the Town of Franklinville in Randolph County were among this State's pioneer textile mills, and have caused the Town to be called "the cradle of the Deep River textile industry"; and

Whereas, the Town of Franklinville is home to numerous structures that are included in a historic district listed on the National Register of Historic Places and were built before the Civil War which illustrate all aspects of life in a nineteenth century mill village; and

Whereas, the Town of Franklinville was created by the legislature in 1847, to incorporate the neighboring mill villages of Franklinville, founded in 1838, and Island Ford, founded in 1846; and

Whereas, the chartering of the Town of Franklinville by the legislature was the first incorporation of any North Carolina mill village; and

Whereas, the Town of Franklinville is named for Jesse Franklin, who served as Governor of North Carolina from 1820 to 1821; and

Whereas, the Town of Franklinville is one of the pivotal landmarks of the history of economic and industrial development in the State of North Carolina;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Jesse Franklin and recognizes the Town of Franklinville as one of the original success stories of domestic manufacturing in the State. The General Assembly further honors the occasion of the Town's 150th Anniversary by designating the Town as the State of North Carolina's first Textile Heritage Village.

Section 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Franklinville.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 8th day of July, 1997.

Marc Basnight
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives