

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1140

Sponsors: Representative McComas.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

April 15, 1999

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOSHUA G.
2 WRIGHT FOR WHOM THE TOWN OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH IS NAMED
3 UPON THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, the Town of Wrightsville Beach was incorporated by the General
5 Assembly on March 6, 1899; and

6 Whereas, the Town of Wrightsville Beach possesses a rich history; and

7 Whereas, the Town was named for Joshua G. Wright, founder of a real estate
8 agency and a member of the prominent Wright family that originally settled in the
9 Wilmington area; and

10 Whereas, the Wrights immigrated from England in the early 1720s; and

11 Whereas, the Wrights were distinguished for their intelligence, wealth, and
12 high personal and civic virtues; and

13 Whereas, Thomas Wright, another member of the Wright family, married
14 Anna Granger, the granddaughter of Joshua Granger, one of the founders of Wilmington;
15 and

16 Whereas, descendants of the Wright family continue to live in the Town of
17 Wrightsville Beach, New Hanover County, and the surrounding areas; and

18 Whereas, one of Wrightsville Beach's most legendary attractions included the
19 Lumina, which was once a grand building and pavilion that provided entertainment such
20 as orchestral music, dancing, and silent movies, and whose popularity attracted visitors
21 from all over the South; and

1 Whereas, a fire destroyed many of the Town's buildings on January 28, 1934,
2 but the Town managed to grow and expand and is now celebrating 100 years of
3 incorporation; and

4 Whereas, the Town of Wrightsville Beach and the contributions of the Wright
5 family to the development of the Town are worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed
6 and supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

7 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

8 Section 1. The House of Representatives honors the life and memory of
9 Joshua G. Wright and urges the citizens of this State to participate in the activities
10 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Town of Wrightsville Beach.

11 Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
12 to the Mayor and Town Manager of the Town of Wrightsville Beach.

13 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.