

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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Resolution  
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**SENATE RESOLUTION 1175  
Adopted 7/19/99**

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Sponsors: Senators Harris; and Wellons.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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July 15, 1999

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF  
2 BENSON'S MULE DAYS FESTIVAL.

3 Whereas, for many generations, agriculture has played a significant roll in the  
4 economic well-being of this State, the Town of Benson, and the surrounding areas; and

5 Whereas, the Mule Days Festival began in 1949 when Benson citizens, Nowell  
6 Smith and Willis McLamb, decided to honor the hardworking farmer and his most noble  
7 asset, the mule; and

8 Whereas, for fifty years, the Town of Benson and surrounding communities  
9 have honored the mule by observing the Mule Days Festival; and

10 Whereas, the Mule Days Festival has been an occasion to promote the farming  
11 heritage of this State and of the Benson area; and

12 Whereas, the Mule Days Festival has become one of the most popular festivals  
13 across the State and in the South; and

14 Whereas, the Town of Benson has proclaimed September 23-26, 1999, as the  
15 fiftieth anniversary of the Mule Days Festival; Now, therefore,

16 Be it resolved by the Senate:

17 Section 1. The Senate commends the Benson Chamber of Commerce for  
18 sponsoring the Mule Days Festival and salutes the many civic organizations for  
19 participating in the Festival.

1           Section 2. The Senate joins the Town of Benson in celebrating the fiftieth  
2 anniversary of the Mule Days Festival and encourages the people of this State to attend  
3 this event.

4           Section 3. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
5 to the Mayor of the Town of Benson.

6           Section 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.