

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1460

Sponsors: Representative Haire.

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

June 27, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF JACKSON COUNTY
2 ON THE COUNTY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, Jackson County was formed from portions of Haywood County and
4 Macon County at the petition of its residents and following a memorial presented to the
5 General Assembly by Representative Robert G.A. Love on December 10, 1850; and

6 Whereas, the General Assembly ratified the act to establish a new county
7 named in honor of President Andrew Jackson on January 29, 1851; and

8 Whereas, the commissioners, as named in the Act of 1851, were William H.
9 Bryson, Elihu Coward, Charles Bumgarner, William Tatham, Wesley W. Enloe,
10 William R. Crawford, and Mark Coleman; and

11 Whereas, the people of Jackson County have had the privilege to count
12 among its citizens, Dr. John R. Brinkley, Congressman David Hall, industrialist C.J.
13 Harris, State Senator Gertrude Dills McKee, educator Robert L. Madison, Governor
14 Dan K. Moore, Judge Walter Moore, journalist John Parris, Judge Lacy Thornburg, and
15 State Senator William H. Thomas; and

16 Whereas, the county is noted for the diversity of its people, being home to
17 members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, African-Americans, Hispanics,
18 Scots-Irish, German, English descendants, and other people representing a national and
19 global heritage; and

20 Whereas, the people of Jackson County have always demonstrated a
21 willingness and desire to serve in the country's defense, whether during peacetime or in
22 times of conflict, and witnessed many of its sons and daughters give their lives to
23 protect and defend the nation; and

24 Whereas, the county has a long history of educational development, including
25 support by the citizenry of a system of public schools, of Southwestern Community
26 College, and of Western Carolina University, the latter of which is now in the 112th year
27 of its operation; and

28 Whereas, the people of the county have supported a regional hospital and
29 sought to address health concerns; and

1 Whereas, Jackson County was possessed with natural resources and an
2 industrious population that supported farming, lumber and paper industries, tree
3 farming, mining, textile mills, and tourism; and

4 Whereas, Jackson County has been blessed with natural beauty, which has
5 provided for tourism as well as the enjoyment of the county's residents; and

6 Whereas, the people of the county have sought to preserve the culture of the
7 mountains through music, literature, art, history, and celebrations; and

8 Whereas, the citizens of Jackson County wish to honor the generations of the
9 past who built the county, as well as the present generation which endeavors to continue
10 the work to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity"; and

11 Whereas, the people of Jackson County wish to celebrate and share their rich
12 historical heritage, cultural diversity, and natural beauty; Now, therefore,
13 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

14 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the founders of the
15 County of Jackson and extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to the County
16 of Jackson upon the County's sesquicentennial anniversary.

17 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
18 resolution to the county commissioners of the County of Jackson.

19 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.