

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1991 SESSION  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 26  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1308

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH CALDWELL AND COLONEL WILLIAM LENOIR ON THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF CALDWELL COUNTY.

Whereas, Caldwell County is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 1991; and  
Whereas, Caldwell County was formed from Burke and Wilkes Counties in 1841; and

Whereas, Caldwell County was named in honor of Joseph Caldwell, the first president of the University of North Carolina; and

Whereas, some of the early inhabitants of Caldwell County nicknamed the area they settled as "The Happy Valley" because of its beautiful terrain; and

Whereas, the early settlers of Caldwell County included Germans, Scotch-Irish, and English from Virginia and Pennsylvania and their slaves from Africa; and

Whereas, these settlers were hunters, farmers, and crafts people; and

Whereas, one of Caldwell County's most notable residents was Colonel William Lenoir, a revolutionary war hero, who was a successful farmer, served as president of the Council of State, a member of both the State Senate and House of Representatives, and the first president of the board of trustees of the University of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Caldwell County grew from an agricultural community to an industrialized one; and

Whereas, today Caldwell County produces poultry, dairy products, hogs, furniture, apparel, textiles, hosiery, mirrors, pianos, and gravel; and

Whereas, most of the people of Caldwell County are honest, hardworking, and loyal citizens;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Joseph Caldwell and the memory of Colonel William Lenoir, and joins the citizens of Caldwell County in celebrating its sesquicentennial.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Caldwell County Board of County Commissioners.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of July, 1991.

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James C. Gardner  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives