

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1659

Sponsors: Representatives Blue; Fussell, Hensley, Jordan, Pope, and Stamey.

Referred to: Rules Suspended; Passed 2nd and 3rd; Sent to Senate.

June 22, 1992

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE'S
2 COLLEGE AND URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION
3 RECOGNIZING THE COLLEGE'S ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH
4 ANNIVERSARY.

5 Whereas, Saint Augustine's College was chartered on July 19, 1867, by 11
6 prominent Episcopal clergy and laymen under the name Saint Augustine's Normal
7 School and Collegiate Institute; and

8 Whereas, Saint Augustine's College is indebted to its past Principals and
9 Presidents: J. Brinton Smith; John Esten Cooks Smedes; Robert Bean Sutton; Aaron
10 Burtis Hunter; Edgar Henry Goold; Harold L. Trigg; and James E. Boyer for their
11 leadership and vision; and

12 Whereas, Saint Augustine's College has dedicated itself to the intellectual,
13 moral, and cultural development of the young men and women enrolled on its campus;
14 and

15 Whereas, in 1896, Saint Augustine's College readily accepted the challenge to
16 educate young people in health-related careers when it established St. Agnes Hospital
17 and Training School for Nurses, which for many years was the only hospital for blacks
18 and the only teaching hospital for black nurses in North Carolina; and

19 Whereas, from that beginning the school has developed into a world-class
20 institution with an enrollment of 1,905 students; and

21 Whereas, through its 38 outstanding academic disciplines and course
22 offerings, the College has rendered service to the State and the nation for 125 years, and

1 is regarded by educators as one of the country's top historically black colleges and
2 universities; and

3 Whereas, the graduates and former students of Saint Augustine's College
4 continue to achieve national and international prominence in a number of career fields;
5 and

6 Whereas, throughout its history, Saint Augustine's College has had an
7 enormous impact on the city and State that are its home; and

8 Whereas, Saint Augustine's College for 125 years has held steadily to the
9 ideals of academic integrity and religious influence cherished by its founders, trustees,
10 faculty, staff, alumnae, and students; and

11 Whereas, Saint Augustine's College is laying the groundwork for continued
12 excellence in the 21st Century, through a major \$17 million capital campaign known as
13 the Renaissance Fund Campaign;

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

15 Section 1. The General Assembly recognizes and honors the founders of
16 Saint Augustine's College for their vision, commends the College for its contributions to
17 North Carolina and its people, extends congratulations on the occasion of the
18 institution's one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, and eagerly anticipates a second
19 one hundred and twenty-five years of service by the College on behalf of the people of
20 North Carolina and the nation.

21 Sec. 2. In order to recognize further the one hundred and twenty-fifth
22 anniversary of Saint Augustine' College, the General Assembly urges the Governor to
23 issue a proclamation commemorating the founding of Saint Augustine's College on July
24 19, 1867.

25 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to
26 Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, a Saint Augustine's College alumnus and the eighth President
27 of Saint Augustine's College, who has rendered 25 years of distinguished service, and to
28 Governor James G. Martin.

29 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.