

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 511\***

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Sponsors: Representative Rhodes.

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

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March 7, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF  
2 CORNELIUS ON THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

3       Whereas, the Town of Cornelius was established by an act of the North  
4 Carolina General Assembly on March 4, 1905, and was named for J. B. Cornelius, the  
5 principal stockholder of the Cornelius Cotton Mill; and

6       Whereas, the act provided the corporate limits of the Town of Cornelius as  
7 follows: Beginning at a stone one thousand yards due north of the northeast corner of  
8 the depot of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railway Company, and running due east  
9 one thousand yards to a stone; thence due south two thousand yards to another stone;  
10 thence due west two thousand yards to another stone; thence due north two thousand  
11 yards to another stone; thence due east one thousand yards to the beginning; and

12       Whereas, the elected officials of the Town of Cornelius originally consisted  
13 of a Mayor, J. B. Proctor, and five Commissioners: P. A. Stough, J. W. Goodrum, P. A.  
14 Chester, W. B. Owen, J. W. Barnett, and a constable, clerk and treasurer; and

15       Whereas, the Town of Cornelius by 1960 had developed into a progressive  
16 little town, proud of its schools, churches, clubs, public library, and business firms with  
17 a population of 1,444 having grown from 459 in 1900, and presently having grown to  
18 15,399; and

19       Whereas, Lake Norman was created from 1959 to 1964 when Duke Power  
20 Company built the Cowans Ford Dam across the Catawba River to generate electrical  
21 energy; and

22       Whereas, the creation of the lake led to recreational, residential and business  
23 opportunities in Mecklenburg County and established the Town of Cornelius as a great  
24 place to live, work and play; Now, therefore,

25 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

26       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of the  
27 founders and early residents of the Town of Cornelius for their contributions to North  
28 Carolina.

1           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Cornelius  
2 on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and encourages the people of this State to join the citizens of  
3 Cornelius in celebrating this historic occasion.

4           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
5 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Cornelius.

6           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.