

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2005-26
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 930

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE FOUNDERS OF
THE TOWN OF GARNER ON THE OCCASION OF THE TOWN'S ONE
HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the Town of Garner was originally known as "Garner's Station" when the Town was chartered by the General Assembly in 1883; and

Whereas, the Town's charter was repealed in 1891, but in 1905, the Town of Garner was reincorporated by the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the Town's first officers were Mayor J.B. Richardson, Aldermen H.D. Rand, J.J. Bagwell, H. Bryan, M.C. Penny, J.S. Buffaloe, and Constable Ernest Jones; and

Whereas, Henry Fort, an African-American cabinetmaker and carpenter, established the Town's first business; and

Whereas, the Town's first bank opened in 1910 with H.D. Rand as president and J.A. Weathers as cashier; and

Whereas, although many of the Town's earliest citizens farmed for a living, some established mercantile stores, drug stores, cotton gins, livery stables, boarding houses, and repair shops; and

Whereas, in 1912, telephone service was provided to 10 subscribers, with Vera Jones operating the switchboard from her home; and

Whereas, Garner has continued to grow and prosper through the continued dedication, insight, and planning of the Town's concerned leaders and citizens; and

Whereas, the year 2005 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Town of Garner; and

Whereas, celebrations of this historic anniversary have been held since July 3, 2004, leading to the grand finale on April 16, 2005; and

Whereas, this occasion is worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed and supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of the Town of Garner and congratulates the Town on its 100th Anniversary.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Garner.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26th day of
April, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives