

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

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1165\***  
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Sponsors: Senators Stevens, Malone; Bingham, Cowell, Forrester, Hunt, and Rand.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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March 28, 2005

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

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

6 Whereas, the Town's charter was repealed in 1891, but in 1905, the Town of  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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 Whereas, the year 2005 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town of Garner;  
23 and

24 Whereas, celebrations of this historic anniversary have been held since July 3,  
25 2004, leading to the grand finale on April 16, 2005; and

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

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

29 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of  
30 the Town of Garner and congratulates the Town on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

- 1                   **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
2 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Garner.  
3                   **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.