

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2125

Sponsors: Representatives Love, Lewis (Primary Sponsors); Pate and Underhill.

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

May 15, 2008

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF BARBECUE
2 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DURING THE CHURCH'S TWO HUNDRED
3 FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, Barbecue Presbyterian Church, located in the Barbecue Township
5 of Harnett County, North Carolina, is the last of three Presbyterian churches founded in
6 the mid-1700s that continues to serve its congregation in its original location; and

7 Whereas, in 1756, the Synod of Philadelphia sent the Reverend James
8 Campbell, a Gaelic preacher, to serve the Highland Scots who had settled along the
9 Cape Fear Basin; and

10 Whereas, in 1758, Reverend Campbell entered into a formal contract with
11 settlers in Bluff, Longstreet, and Barbecue Creek, and held services in both Gaelic and
12 English; and

13 Whereas, in 1765, a twenty-seven-foot square log building was built to serve
14 as the church near Barbecue Creek; and

15 Whereas, the first elders of the Barbecue Presbyterian Church were Gilbert
16 Clark, Archibald Buie, Duncan Buie, and Daniel Cameron; and

17 Whereas, in 1766, a man was found frozen at the locked front door, causing
18 the church to never lock its doors; and

19 Whereas, in 1775, the second church was built, consisting of a one-room
20 frame building that was 45 by 30 feet; and

21 Whereas, in 1835, the Fayetteville Presbytery met to dissolve the Barbecue
22 Presbyterian Church, but due to the actions of Reverend Colin McIver, the church was
23 saved; and

24 Whereas, in 1896, the third church and present sanctuary was built; and

25 Whereas, Barbecue Presbyterian Church has survived for 250 years and
26 deserves recognition; Now, therefore,

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

28 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly applauds the congregation of Barbecue
29 Presbyterian Church for their continuous service to the church and contributions to the
30 cultural and religious heritage of the State of North Carolina.

1 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the founders of the Barbecue
2 Presbyterian Church for their contributions to the rich cultural heritage of North
3 Carolina.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
5 resolution to the Reverend Alexander Williams, Pastor of Barbecue Presbyterian
6 Church.

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