

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR15070-LG-409A\* (03/13)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Atwater.

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Referred to:

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1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE EARLY SETTLERS OF LEE COUNTY  
2       ON THE COUNTY'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

3       Whereas, Lee County was formed from Chatham and Moore counties and  
4    named for Confederate General Robert E. Lee; and

5       Whereas, Lee County was created on March 6, 1907, by the General  
6    Assembly through legislation that required approval of the voters; and

7       Whereas, on July 2, 1907, a majority of the voters gave their approval for the  
8    establishment of the State's 98<sup>th</sup> county; and

9       Whereas, on February 10, 1908, Governor Robert Broadnax Glenn appointed  
10   J. L. Godfrey, J. F. Womble, J. F. Jones, J. R. Jones, and J. J. Edwards, who served as  
11   Chair, to the Lee County Board of Commissioners; and

12       Whereas, the County's early inhabitants included Native Americans and  
13   people from many countries and nationalities, including Highland Scots, Germans,  
14   English, Africans, and Scotch-Irish; and

15       Whereas, Lee County's early economy centered on agriculture, naval stores,  
16   and iron works, which supplied the State with necessary iron goods during the  
17   American Revolution; and

18       Whereas, in 1853, coal was discovered in the Egypt community (now  
19   Commock), and in 1855, the Egypt Mine opened as the State's first commercial coal  
20   mine; and

21       Whereas, expansion of the railroad in the area further contributed to the  
22   County's growth and aided in the establishment of new industries, including tobacco  
23   harvesting, brownstone quarrying, furniture making, brickworks, and textiles; and

24       Whereas, some of Lee County's notable citizens have included Reverend  
25   William D. Paisley, a Presbyterian minister; Herman Husband, a pioneer and leader in  
26   the Regulator Movement; Charles D. McIver, an educator and the first president of the  
27   University of North Carolina at Greensboro; and A.A.F. Seawell, who served as North  
28   Carolina's Attorney General and as a State Supreme Court justice during the 1930s; and

1           Whereas, Lee County has continued to grow and flourish, making significant  
2 contributions to the State of North Carolina; and

3           Whereas, according to the 2000 census, Lee County had a population of  
4 50,000, a significant increase above the 2,262 residents recorded in 1910; and

5           Whereas, plans have been made to celebrate the County's anniversary  
6 throughout 2007, including a Centennial Celebration on July 2, 2007; and

7           Whereas, the County's anniversary is worthy of celebration and should be  
8 enjoyed and supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

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

10           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the early settlers of Lee County  
11 for their contributions to North Carolina.

12           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates Lee County on its 100<sup>th</sup>  
13 anniversary and encourages the people of this State to join the citizens of Lee County in  
14 celebrating this historic occasion.

15           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
16 resolution to the Chair of the Lee County Board of Commissioners.

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