

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 378**

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Sponsors: Senators Malone; Hunt and Stevens.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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February 28, 2007

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF  
2 ZEBULON ON THE TOWN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

3       Whereas, the Town of Zebulon can trace its early beginnings to 1906, when  
4 the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company brought rail service to the area; and

5       Whereas, on February 15, 1906, real estate developers Edgar B. Barbee and  
6 Falconer B. Arendell received a charter for the Zebulon Company and began dividing  
7 up their 49 acres into lots, blocks, streets, and avenues; and

8       Whereas, on February 16, 1907, the area consisting of 297.5 acres was  
9 officially recognized as the Town of Zebulon; and

10       Whereas, the Town was named for Zebulon B. Vance, who served as  
11 Governor of North Carolina during the Civil War; and

12       Whereas, Zebulon's first appointed officers were Mayor Joseph F. Fields and  
13 Commissioners Nathan L. Horton, J. Michael Whitley, Thomas F. Powell, William S.  
14 Horton, and J. Henry Bunn; and

15       Whereas, Zebulon's first elected officers were Mayor Thomas J. Horton and  
16 Commissioners Avon G. Kemp, William S. Horton, Nathan L. Horton, Thomas F.  
17 Powell, and Joseph F. Fields; and

18       Whereas, some of Zebulon's earliest businesses included the Whitley Hotel,  
19 the Town's first boardinghouse, and the Bank of Zebulon, the Town's first bank; and

20       Whereas, for many years, tobacco production was the most important  
21 industry in Zebulon; and

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

24       Whereas, currently Zebulon consists of 2,950 acres or 3.1 square miles; and

25       Whereas, Zebulon is known as "The Town of Friendly People" and is home  
26 to more than 4,600 people; and

27       Whereas, Zebulon's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary is worthy of recognition and  
28 celebration; Now, therefore,

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of  
2 the Town of Zebulon on the Town's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

3           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly joins the citizens of the Town of  
4 Zebulon in celebrating the Town's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

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