

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

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR35119-LG-191A\* (02/20)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Bingham.

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Referred to:

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

3       Whereas, the Town of Denton, located in Davidson County, was formerly  
4 known as Finch's Crossroads until the late 1870s; and

5       Whereas, in 1877, Branson Ivey Harrison, a local school teacher, circulated a  
6 petition to have a post office established in the area; and

7       Whereas, after the rejection of several names for the new post office, local  
8 resident, Samuel Moses Peacock, recommended the name of Denton after reading about  
9 a town in Texas called Denton; and

10       Whereas, the post office opened on July 12, 1878, and Samuel M. Peacock  
11 served as the first postmaster; and

12       Whereas, in 1882, J.M. Daniel and B.I. Harrison established the area's first  
13 store which offered groceries, dry goods, and hardware to area residents; and

14       Whereas, in 1904, Milton L. Jones began construction of a railroad from  
15 Thomasville to Denton, and in 1906, the first passenger train began running; and

16       Whereas, on March 11, 1907, the General Assembly ratified a bill sponsored  
17 by Senator Wade H. Phillips to incorporate the Town of Denton; and

18       Whereas, the Town's charter provided that its first officers include J. Earl  
19 Varner as Mayor, B.I. Harrison, Arthur Davis, J.M. Daniel, L.A. Newsom, and Jesse C.  
20 Morris as commissioners, Dr. A. Anderson as the town physician, and John F. Carrol as  
21 the Chief of Police; and

22       Whereas, the early success of the Town was due in part to the expansion of  
23 the railroad which aided in distributing lumber and agricultural products produced in the  
24 Town and attracting new industry and citizens; and

25       Whereas, the Town has continued to grow and prosper through the continued  
26 dedication, insight, and planning of its concerned leaders and citizens; and

27       Whereas, 2007 marks Denton's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and plans have been made  
28 to celebrate the Town's centennial; and

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

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

4           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the founders of the Town of  
5 Denton and joins the citizens of Denton in celebrating the Town's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

6           **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
7 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Denton.

8           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.