

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009  
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2010-22  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1391**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD  
ANNIVERSARY OF CASWELL COUNTY.

Whereas, on April 18, 1777, Richard Caswell was elected by the General Assembly to serve as the first governor of the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Richard Caswell had served as the Clerk of Court of Orange County from 1752 to 1754, a member of the Colonial House of Delegates, Commander of the right wing of Governor Tryon's army at the Battle of Alamance in 1771, a member of the Continental Congress from 1774 to 1775, Commander of the Patriots at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge in 1776, and as a delegate and president of the State Constitutional Convention in 1776, during which time he helped to write North Carolina's constitution; and

Whereas, legislators attending the First Session of the Assembly in 1777 began the monumental task of creating a free and independent State, unprecedented in the history of the world; and

Whereas, their actions created the legal framework within which our great State operates today; and

Whereas, on May 9, 1777, the General Assembly enacted legislation creating a new county known as Caswell County and named it for Governor Richard Caswell; and

Whereas, Caswell County was formed from the northern portion of Orange County with its current boundaries extending to Alamance, Orange, Person, and Rockingham Counties and the State of Virginia; and

Whereas, Caswell County has two incorporated towns, Milton and Yanceyville, and several townships, including Anderson, Blanch, Dan River, Leasburg, Locust Hill, Pelham, Prospect Hill, and Stoney Creek; and

Whereas, the history of this north central Piedmont county is rich with an illustrious heritage and lore; and

Whereas, the citizens of Caswell County have made significant contributions to the social, cultural, political, and economic prosperity of the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, it is incumbent upon the residents and native sons and daughters of Caswell County to find and bind together, to become familiar with, grow in understanding of, and acquire a sincere appreciation and respect for the history, heritage, and present existence of Caswell County; and

Whereas, the citizens of Caswell County have made plans to celebrate the County's 233<sup>rd</sup> anniversary during 2010; and

Whereas, special events planned for the year include a Heritage Month Celebration to be held throughout the County and the county seat of Yanceyville during June 2010; and

Whereas, Caswell County Heritage Month will include proclamations, presentations, and entertainment appropriate to the occasion; and

Whereas, several Caswell County organizations have extended invitations to the people of adjoining counties and the elected leaders of the State of North Carolina to join in this celebration; and

Whereas, Caswell County's anniversary is an event worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed and supported by all of North Carolina's citizens; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Governor Richard Caswell for whom Caswell County is named.



**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly recognizes June as Caswell County Heritage Month, extends sincere greetings to the people of Caswell County on the occasion of the County's celebration during June 2010, and encourages the citizens of Caswell County to join in demonstrating respect for their history and heritage and for those leaders and contributors to the history of the past 233 years who have bequeathed them the community they enjoy today.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Caswell County Board of Commissioners, Yanceyville Town Council, Caswell County Historical Association, Dillard Educational and Economic Development Services, Inc., and the Thomas Day Society. Additional copies shall be made available to other County associations and agencies that have helped in the planning of this historic occasion.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2010.

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Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives