

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1175

Sponsors: Representative Murry (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to:

May 22, 2014

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE TWO HUNDRED TWENTIETH
2 ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSEMBLY'S FIRST SESSION IN THE STATE HOUSE IN
3 THE CITY OF RALEIGH.

4 Whereas, in 1787, the Assembly authorized the Constitutional Convention to
5 establish a permanent State capital; and

6 Whereas, for many years, the Assembly held session in homes, courthouses, and
7 other buildings throughout the State, including Bath, Edenton, Fayetteville, Halifax,
8 Hillsborough, Kinston, New Bern, Smithfield, Tarboro, and Wilmington; and

9 Whereas, in 1788, the Constitutional Convention decided that the State's capital
10 should be located within 10 miles of Isaac Hunter's plantation in Wake County; and

11 Whereas, in 1792, the Assembly appointed commissioners to select a site for the
12 new capital; and

13 Whereas, the commissioners purchased 1,000 acres from Joel Lane of Wake County
14 for \$2,756; and

15 Whereas, Raleigh was chosen as the name of the new capital in honor of Sir Walter
16 Raleigh, who was responsible for sending the first colonists to North Carolina; and

17 Whereas, Senator William Christmas, a surveyor chosen to lay out the new city,
18 based Raleigh's layout on the City of Philadelphia, which at that time was the nation's capital;
19 and

20 Whereas, construction of a State House, a simple, two-story brick building, began in
21 1792, on Raleigh's central square; and

22 Whereas, on December 30, 1794, the Assembly held its first session in the State
23 House; and

24 Whereas, the State House served as the State Capitol until it burned in 1831; and

25 Whereas, the cornerstone of the present State Capitol is constructed on the site of
26 the former State House; and

27 Whereas, 2014 marks the 220th anniversary of the Assembly's first session in the
28 State House, and it is an occasion worthy of celebration; Now, therefore,

29 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

30 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of the early
31 Assembly members and acknowledges the 220th anniversary of the first session held in the
32 State House.

33 **SECTION 2.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

