

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 434

Sponsors: Representatives Dockham; Folwell, Holliman, and Howard.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

March 1, 2007

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF
2 DENTON ON THE TOWN'S 100TH 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 100th anniversary, and plans have been made
28 to celebrate the Town's centennial; and

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

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the founders of the Town of
3 Denton and joins the citizens of Denton in celebrating the Town's 100th anniversary.

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

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