

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1014

Sponsors: Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House (Primary Sponsor).
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Referred to:

June 19, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF FALCON
2 WHILE OBSERVING THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, in the late 1700s, James McNeill acquired several hundred acres of land in
4 northeastern Cumberland County through a colonial land grant; and

5 Whereas, on February 11, 1806, James McNeill sold 230 acres of that property to
6 Ann McDonald and Neill McDonald and, in ensuing years, sold several hundred additional
7 acres to their son, Daniel McDonald; and

8 Whereas, on March 27, 1878, Daniel McDonald sold 259 acres to William Culbreth
9 and James Autry; and

10 Whereas, on December 21, 1882, William Culbreth purchased some additional acres
11 from Daniel McDonald, and on March 29, 1883, he purchased James Autry's interest in the
12 original 259 acres that they had previously purchased together; and

13 Whereas, William Culbreth eventually purchased 930 acres of land with a majority
14 of it being in the present day Town of Falcon; and

15 Whereas, William Culbreth established a general store near Starling's Bridge on the
16 Black River that was in operation as early as 1890; and

17 Whereas, Jesse M. Starling obtained a Star Mail Route from the Godwin Post Office
18 for the Starling's Bridge area, and William Culbreth's store was selected to be the location of
19 the new post office; and

20 Whereas, William Culbreth's son, Julius, was asked to suggest a name for the new
21 post office and chose "Falcon" from a box of "Falcon" pens that were on a shelf in the store;
22 and

23 Whereas, on April 29, 1893, Falcon became the name of the post office and the
24 community in the aforementioned area of the northeastern Black River Township of
25 Cumberland County; and

26 Whereas, throughout his lifetime, Julius Culbreth endeavored to develop the land
27 that he inherited from his parents for the purpose of establishing a respectable town that would
28 be well suited for those who practiced the Christian faith in the Holiness tradition and built the
29 Octagon Tabernacle in 1898; and

30 Whereas, Julius Culbreth (1871-1950) helped to establish and provide land and
31 funding for the Falcon Camp Meeting in 1900, the Falcon Holiness School in 1902, and the
32 Falcon Orphanage in 1909 as well as made plots of land in Falcon readily available and
33 affordable to those seeking to settle in a Town where the citizens would be sympathetic
34 towards their religious convictions; and



1 Whereas, on January 31, 1911, the Pentecostal Holiness Church consolidated with
2 the Fire-Baptized Holiness Church in Falcon's Octagon Tabernacle, of which a historic
3 landmark commemorates this event; and

4 Whereas, the Town of Falcon was chartered by the North Carolina General
5 Assembly on March 6, 1913; and

6 Whereas, the Town of Falcon's residents are well informed and proud of the Town's
7 glorious history and heritage; and

8 Whereas, the Town of Falcon's 100th anniversary is worthy of recognition and
9 celebration and should be enjoyed and supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

10 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

11 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives wishes to honor the founders of the
12 Town of Falcon and extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to the Town of Falcon
13 upon the Town's centennial anniversary.

14 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
15 to the Mayor of the Town of Falcon

16 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.