

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2013**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 885**

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Sponsors: Representative Mobley (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to:

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April 15, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE APRIL 16, 2011,  
2 TORNADOES THAT AFFECTED MANY COUNTIES IN NORTH CAROLINA,  
3 ESPECIALLY BERTIE COUNTY.

4 Whereas, on April 16, 2011, storms producing tornadoes and flooding swept  
5 through North Carolina affecting 30 of the State's 100 counties, including Bertie, Bladen,  
6 Craven, Cumberland, Currituck, Greene, Halifax, Harnett, Hertford, Hoke, Johnston, Lee,  
7 Onslow, Pitt, Robeson, Sampson, Wake, and Wilson; and

8 Whereas, a total of 28 tornadoes, the most recorded in State history, affected  
9 citizens, property, and businesses across North Carolina; and

10 Whereas, the tornadoes caused the deaths of 24 people, half of whom were residents  
11 of Bertie County, including: Louis Chamblee, Gayle Hinchey, Barbara Lafferty, Roy Lafferty,  
12 Jr., Peggy Leary, Dorothy Mitchell, Robert Perry, Milton Sutton, Mildred Warren, Celia White,  
13 Helen Alston White, and Mary Williams; and

14 Whereas, as one of the hardest hit counties, Bertie County suffered extensive  
15 damage, especially in the surrounding areas in the Town of Colerain; and

16 Whereas, due to the destruction of 67 homes and major damage to 20 others in  
17 Bertie County, at least 87 families were displaced; and

18 Whereas, the storm-related damage in Bertie County was over \$2.5 million; and

19 Whereas, the residents of Bertie County possess a resilient spirit and quickly came  
20 together to help their neighbors after the storms; and

21 Whereas, today, the residents of Bertie County have rebuilt their homes and  
22 businesses and have shown that they can move forward after a natural disaster; Now, therefore,  
23 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

24 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of the North  
25 Carolinians who lost their lives due to the tornadoes on April 16, 2011.

26 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives joins the citizens of Bertie County  
27 affected by those tornadoes in commemorating April 16, 2013, as Bertie County Day.

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

