

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 1991
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 48
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1659

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF SAINT AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE AND URGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING THE COLLEGE'S ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, Saint Augustine's College was chartered on July 19, 1867, by 11 prominent Episcopal clergy and laymen under the name Saint Augustine's Normal School and Collegiate Institute; and

Whereas, Saint Augustine's College is indebted to its past Principals and Presidents: J. Brinton Smith; John Esten Cooks Smedes; Robert Bean Sutton; Aaron Burtis Hunter; Edgar Henry Goold; Harold L. Trigg; and James E. Boyer for their leadership and vision; and

Whereas, Saint Augustine's College has dedicated itself to the intellectual, moral, and cultural development of the young men and women enrolled on its campus; and

Whereas, in 1896, Saint Augustine's College readily accepted the challenge to educate young people in health-related careers when it established St. Agnes Hospital and Training School for Nurses, which for many years was the only hospital for blacks and the only teaching hospital for black nurses in North Carolina; and

Whereas, from that beginning the school has developed into a world-class institution with an enrollment of 1,905 students; and

Whereas, through its 38 outstanding academic disciplines and course offerings, the College has rendered service to the State and the nation for 125 years, and is regarded by educators as one of the country's top historically black colleges and universities; and

Whereas, the graduates and former students of Saint Augustine's College continue to achieve national and international prominence in a number of career fields; and

Whereas, throughout its history, Saint Augustine's College has had an enormous impact on the city and State that are its home; and

Whereas, Saint Augustine's College for 125 years has held steadily to the ideals of academic integrity and religious influence cherished by its founders, trustees, faculty, staff, alumnae, and students; and

Whereas, Saint Augustine's College is laying the groundwork for continued excellence in the 21st Century, through a major \$17 million capital campaign known as the Renaissance Fund Campaign;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly recognizes and honors the founders of Saint Augustine's College for their vision, commends the College for its contributions to North Carolina and its people, extends congratulations on the occasion of the institution's one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary, and eagerly anticipates a second one hundred and twenty-five years of service by the College on behalf of the people of North Carolina and the nation.

Sec. 2. In order to recognize further the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of Saint Augustine' College, the General Assembly urges the Governor to

issue a proclamation commemorating the founding of Saint Augustine's College on July 19, 1867.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, a Saint Augustine's College alumnus and the eighth President of Saint Augustine's College, who has rendered 25 years of distinguished service, and to Governor James G. Martin.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of June, 1992.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives