

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2003-1**  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF  
BLADENBORO ON THE TOWN'S 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the area that would later become the Town of Bladenboro began with a land grant of 200 acres to Rohan Redin in 1779; and

Whereas, in 1857, Robert Tate arrived in the area from Scotland and established a turpentine distillery; and

Whereas, in 1885, brothers R.L. and H.C. Bridger moved to the Town from South Carolina and later established a number of businesses which produced or manufactured turpentine, cotton, and farming supplies; and

Whereas, the Bridger family continued to contribute to the Town by founding the Bank of Bladenboro and Bladenboro Cotton Mills; and

Whereas, the success of the Town was due in part to the railroad which aided in distributing the products produced in the Town and attracting new industry and citizens; and

Whereas, in the early 1890s, the Town was the site of an academy, the largest educational facility of its kind in the State at that time; and

Whereas, the Town was incorporated on February 12, 1903, by an act of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, the Town's first officers were D.B. Edwards, Mayor, and H.C. Bridger, Council Thompson, and Alexander Shaw, Commissioners; and

Whereas, the Town has continued to grow, improve, and prosper as a result of continued dedication, insight, and planning of its leaders and over 1,700 citizens; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the founders of the Town of Bladenboro.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Bladenboro on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and encourages the people of this State to participate in activities commemorating this special occasion.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Bladenboro.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of  
February, 2003.

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Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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Richard T. Morgan  
Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives