

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2005-56
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1797

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE EARLY SETTLERS OF THE TOWN OF ROXBORO ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TOWN'S INCORPORATION.

Whereas, the Town of Roxboro, located in central Person County, was once a stagecoach stop between Hillsborough and South Boston; and

Whereas, for many years, the area was known as Moccasin Gap and later as Roxborough for the Town of Roxburgh, Scotland; and

Whereas, in 1793, a newly built courthouse enabled the area to become the county seat; and

Whereas, the Town of Roxboro was incorporated on January 9, 1855; and

Whereas, the Town of Roxboro's first officers included Mayor W.R. Reade, Commissioners G.D. Satterfield, C.S. Winstead, James Wright, and E.G. Reade; and

Whereas, other early officers of the Town of Roxboro included W.R. Reade, magistrate of police; Stephen M. Dickens, treasurer; Henry Satterfield, constable; John M. Winstead, overseer of the streets; and Benjamin A. Thaxton, secretary; and

Whereas, Roxboro has been home to many great North Carolinians, including: The Honorable William W. Kitchin, a former six-term member of the United States House of Representatives and Governor of the State of North Carolina; Reginald L. Harris, former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and Speaker of the House of Representatives; Enos Slaughter, an outstanding baseball player and member of the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and Jim Thorpe, a well-known golfer and member of the Senior PGA Tour; and

Whereas, Roxboro is known for its contributions to industry and agriculture; and

Whereas, Roxboro has a population of 8,861 citizens and has continued to grow and prosper through the continued dedication, insight, and planning of the Town's concerned leaders and citizens; and

Whereas, the year 2005 marks the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Roxboro and is worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed and supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of the early settlers of the Town of Roxboro and congratulates the Town on its 150th anniversary.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Roxboro.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of
August, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives