

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2796**

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Sponsors: Representatives Dockham; Boylan, Brown, Holliman, and Howard.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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June 19, 2008

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH  
2 ANNIVERSARY OF "EVERYBODY'S DAY," THE OLDEST FESTIVAL IN  
3 NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, the Mayor of Thomasville, W. O. Burgin, organized the first  
5 Everybody's Day festival in 1908; and

6 Whereas, the intention of Everybody's Day was to bring all citizens of the  
7 community and neighboring communities together in downtown Thomasville for a  
8 community and regional celebration; and

9 Whereas, Everybody's Day is the oldest festival of its kind held in North  
10 Carolina; and

11 Whereas, Everybody's Day was held in Thomasville during the 1920s and the  
12 1950s; and

13 Whereas, the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce has been operating  
14 Everybody's Day since 1984; and

15 Whereas, Everybody's Day continues to bring tens of thousands of citizens to  
16 downtown Thomasville for the annual celebration on the last Saturday of each  
17 September; and

18 Whereas, 2008 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Everybody's Day; Now,  
19 therefore,

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

21 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of W. O. Burgin  
22 and expresses its appreciation for his role in establishing Everybody's Day in the City of  
23 Thomasville.

24 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly commends Everybody's Day on its  
25 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and encourages the citizens of this State to participate in anniversary  
26 activities on September 29, 2008.

27 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
28 resolution to the Thomasville Area Chamber of Commerce.

29 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.