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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 342**

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March 20, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM UPON ITS  
2 CENTENNIAL.

3       Whereas, the Town of Salem was established in 1766 by members of the Moravian  
4 church to administer their colony in North Carolina called Wachovia; and the town became an  
5 important center for business and commerce in Northwest North Carolina and was incorporated  
6 by act of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1857; and

7       Whereas, the Town of Winston was established immediately north of Salem to serve  
8 as the county seat upon the formation of Forsyth County in 1849; was incorporated by act of  
9 the North Carolina General Assembly in 1859; and experienced remarkable growth during the  
10 latter half of the 19th Century; and

11       Whereas, following decades of cooperation in civic affairs, the citizens of Winston  
12 and Salem voted to consolidate their municipal governments as the City of Winston-Salem and,  
13 by act of the North Carolina General Assembly, this consolidation took effect May 9, 1913; and

14       Whereas, the new town was led by Mayor Oscar B. Eaton and Aldermen E. D.  
15 Vaughn, C. M. Cain, G. E. Webb, P. S. Bailey, N. D. Dowdy, G. W. Edwards, H. F. Shaffner,  
16 and F. A. Fogle and has since been led by a succession of able elected officials; and

17       Whereas, Winston-Salem was North Carolina's leading city during the 1920s and  
18 gave rise to such national corporations as R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Wachovia Bank and  
19 Trust Co., Hanes Knitting, Hanes Dye and Finishing, and Piedmont Airlines; and

20       Whereas, Winston-Salem served as a model for other cities during the Civil Rights  
21 Era by establishing North Carolina's first integrated firehouse in 1951, peacefully desegregating  
22 its schools in 1957, and providing the first North Carolina victory of the Sit-In Movement in  
23 1960; and

24       Whereas, Winston-Salem has long been nationally recognized for leadership in the  
25 arts, having established the nation's first Arts Council in 1949, and serving as home to the  
26 University of North Carolina School of the Arts, which was the nation's first state-supported  
27 arts conservatory; and

28       Whereas, Winston-Salem is known as "The City of the Arts & Innovation" and is  
29 home to numerous performing arts organizations as well as the National Black Theatre Festival,  
30 The Southeast Center for Contemporary Art, Reynolda House Museum of American Arts, the  
31 Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, Old Salem Museums and Gardens, the RiverRun  
32 International Film Festival, Diggs Gallery at Winston-Salem State University, and Delta Fine  
33 Arts Center; and

34       Whereas, Winston-Salem's civic leaders aggressively met the challenges of a  
35 changing local economy in the 1990s by rebuilding the economy on knowledge-based



1 industries, including establishing the Piedmont Triad Research Park in order to augment the  
2 city's traditional economic base with technology, medicine, and finance; and

3       Whereas, the City of Winston-Salem has been recognized as one of America's Top  
4 10 Digital Cities for 11 years in a row, is listed as one of America's Ten Most Livable Cities by  
5 Partners for Livable Cities, one of America's 50 Best Cities by Newsweek, one of America's  
6 Best Downtowns by Forbes, a Top 10 Place to Retire by CBS, a Top 25 Location for  
7 Biotechnology by Business Facilities, and has been cited 22 other times in the past 10 years for  
8 the favorable business climate, quality of life, cost of living, and other measures; and

9       Whereas, 2013 marks the 100th anniversary of the consolidation of Winston and  
10 Salem, an occasion worthy of celebration by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

11 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

12       **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the early leaders of  
13 Winston-Salem and joins with the citizens of Winston-Salem in celebrating the City's 100th  
14 anniversary.

15       **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
16 to the Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem.

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