

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

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR50821-LG-655 (4/22)**

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Sponsors: Representative Love.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF BARBECUE  
2 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DURING THE CHURCH'S TWO HUNDRED  
3 FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, Barbecue Presbyterian Church, located in the Barbecue Township  
5 of Harnett County, North Carolina, is the last of three Presbyterian churches founded in  
6 the mid-1700s that continues to serve its congregation in its original location; and

7 Whereas, in 1756, the Synod of Philadelphia sent the Reverend James  
8 Campbell, a Gaelic preacher, to serve the Highland Scots who had settled along the  
9 Cape Fear Basin; and

10 Whereas, in 1758, Reverend Campbell entered into a formal contract with  
11 settlers in Bluff, Longstreet, and Barbecue Creek, and held services in both Gaelic and  
12 English; and

13 Whereas, in 1765, a twenty-seven-foot square log building was built to serve  
14 as the church near Barbecue Creek; and

15 Whereas, the first elders of the Barbecue Presbyterian Church were Gilbert  
16 Clark, Archibald Buie, Duncan Buie, and Daniel Cameron; and

17 Whereas, in 1766, a man was found frozen at the locked front door, causing  
18 the church to never lock its doors; and

19 Whereas, in 1775, the second church was built, consisting of a one-room  
20 frame building that was 45 by 30 feet; and

21 Whereas, in 1835, the Fayetteville Presbytery met to dissolve the Barbecue  
22 Presbyterian Church, but due to the actions of Reverend Colin McIver, the church was  
23 saved; and

24 Whereas, in 1896, the third church and present sanctuary was built; and

25 Whereas, Barbecue Presbyterian Church has survived for 250 years and  
26 deserves recognition; Now, therefore,

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly applauds the congregation of Barbecue  
2 Presbyterian Church for their continuous service to the church and contributions to the  
3 cultural and religious heritage of the State of North Carolina.

4           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the founders of the Barbecue  
5 Presbyterian Church for their contributions to the rich cultural heritage of North  
6 Carolina.

7           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
8 resolution to the Reverend Alexander Williams, Pastor of Barbecue Presbyterian  
9 Church.

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