

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 2007  
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2008-12  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2125**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2008.

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Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives