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1    A HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NORTH CAROLINA'S 2013 ALL-AMERICA  
2    CITY AWARD HONOREES.

3            Whereas, the All-America City Award program was founded in 1949 to recognize  
4    cities for their civic achievements; and

5            Whereas, to be named an All-America City, a community must demonstrate  
6    innovation, inclusiveness, civic engagement, and cross-sector collaboration by describing  
7    successful efforts to address pressing local challenges and must briefly tell its community's  
8    story, listing two of their most pressing challenges and three outstanding community projects;  
9    and

10           Whereas, on June 16, 2013, the Towns of Dunn and Garner were named two of the  
11    10 communities across the country to win the All-America City Award, which is often called  
12    the Nobel Prize of civic accomplishment; and

13           Whereas, the Town of Dunn, located in Harnett County, was incorporated by the  
14    General Assembly in 1887 and named for Bennett R. Dunn, construction engineer for the  
15    Atlantic Coast Line Railroad; and

16           Whereas, Dunn's outstanding community projects for the All-America City Award  
17    included the involvement of the Town's civic leaders in the planning, negotiation, and financial  
18    investment in the development of the new 50-bed Central Harnett Hospital; the revitalization of  
19    the Town's City Center, which includes the burial of power lines and telecommunication  
20    cables, renovation of the aged water and sewer system, replacement of the pavement,  
21    incorporation of attractive brick and cement features, and grants to downtown businesses to  
22    update their facades; and the development of the Dunn Police Athletic/Activities League  
23    (PAL), which annually offers various programs from athletics to SAT/ACT test preparation to  
24    up to 300 young people ages six to 18 and offers teens the opportunity to join the PAL Youth  
25    Leadership Council, which promotes volunteerism, public service, and an understanding of  
26    civics and government; and

27           Whereas, the Town of Garner, located in Wake County, was reincorporated by the  
28    General Assembly in 1905 and named for H. C. Garner, the Town's founder; and

29           Whereas, Garner's three best projects for the All-America City Award included the  
30    new \$500,000 Garner Veterans Memorial at Lake Benson Park that features pillars with the  
31    names of 67 Garner-area veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country  
32    and the artwork of world-famous Raleigh-based sculptor Thomas Sayre; the First Baptist  
33    Church's Community of Hope Ministries which collaborates with six Garner-area elementary



1 schools to identify at-risk students to provide support for these students and their families  
2 through a number of programs, including an after-school program and food pantry; and the  
3 Garner Performing Arts Center, which is housed in a salvaged school and is the location for a  
4 community theater group, a summer theater camp program that reaches 120 campers annually,  
5 and other cultural programs such as the Broadway Voices series, a public-private partnership  
6 that brings some of Broadway's biggest shows to the local stage; Now, therefore,  
7 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

8           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives recognizes the Towns of Dunn and  
9 Garner on each being named a 2013 All-America City, and applauds the citizens of these  
10 Towns for their efforts in helping to make their Towns worthy of receiving this prestigious  
11 award.

12           **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of the founders  
13 and early leaders of the Towns of Dunn and Garner for their contributions to these Towns.

14           **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
15 to the Mayors of the Towns of Dunn and Garner.

16           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.