

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 249

Sponsors: Representatives Horn, L. Johnson, Gill, and Holloway (Primary Sponsors).

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

March 17, 2015

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S CONTINUED
2 SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY FOR STRONG, INNOVATIVE, AND
3 HIGH-ACHIEVING PUBLIC SCHOOLS DURING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ONE
4 HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST PUBLIC SCHOOL IN
5 NORTH CAROLINA.

6 Whereas, on January 8, 1839, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted the
7 Common School Law; and

8 Whereas, North Carolina's first public school opened in Rockingham County on
9 January 20, 1840; and

10 Whereas, Williamsburg Elementary School, in Rockingham County can trace its
11 origins to Garrett Academy, which was founded by George W. Garrett; and

12 Whereas, there are more than 2,500 public schools in North Carolina serving a
13 diverse student population of more than 1.5 million children; and

14 Whereas, a strong public school system plays a critical role in fostering the
15 economic vitality of our great State and local communities; and

16 Whereas, our public schools are an integral part in ensuring our State's future
17 success and prosperity; Now, therefore,

18 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

19 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives reaffirms its continued support and
20 advocacy for strong, innovative, and high-achieving public schools.

21 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of George W.
22 Garrett and expresses its appreciation for his contributions to education in this State.

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



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