

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 771
HOUSE BILL 1090

1 AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 134-67 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE EASTERN
2 CAROLINA INDUSTRIAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

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4 WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard Tillman Fountain of Edgecombe County,
5 former Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina, was born February 15, 1885 and died at his
6 home in Rocky Mount, February 21, 1945, after a lifetime of distinguished and honorable
7 public service to his Community, County and State; and

8 WHEREAS, after attending public schools in Edgecombe County and Tarboro Male
9 Academy, Richard Tillman Fountain, as early as 1907, completed his course in law at the
10 University of North Carolina, and was licensed in the Spring of that year; he formed a
11 partnership with his cousin, GMT. Fountain, and after the latter's death in 1923, formed a
12 partnership with his brother, the Honorable Benjamin Eagles Fountain, Sr., a former member of
13 the General Assembly; and

14 WHEREAS, Richard Tillman Fountain distinguished himself by his notable record
15 of public service with his activities as a member and Chairman of the Rocky Mount School
16 Board for many years, a member of the Legal Advisory Board of Rocky Mount and
17 Edgecombe County, a member and presiding officer of the Civitan Club, a member in good
18 standing of the American Bar Association, a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, of
19 which he served as Vice President in 1922 and 1923, a member of the Rocky Mount Bar
20 Association, of which he served as its President, Director of the First National Bank, City
21 Industrial Bank, and the New Home Building and Loan Association, a member and past
22 Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias Lodge, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church
23 where he served as Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent for many years; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1911, Richard Tillman Fountain was appointed Judge of the first
25 Municipal Court of Rocky Mount, serving in that capacity until his election to the North
26 Carolina General Assembly in 1918; and

27 WHEREAS, Richard Tillman Fountain served in the North Carolina House of
28 Representatives in the Sessions of 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925, and 1927, culminating his
29 distinguished service in this capacity by his election as Speaker of the House in 1927; and

30 WHEREAS, as a member of the General Assembly, he actuated and assisted in the
31 adoption of the law to establish the Great Smokey Mountain National Park; that because of his
32 fervent interest and dedicated efforts in the preservation of the great natural resources of this
33 State, he served several years as a member of the Great Smokey Mountain National Park
34 Commission and the North Carolina Park Commission; and

35 WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard Tillman Fountain was elected to the office of
36 Lieutenant Governor by the people of North Carolina for the term beginning 1928 and
37 terminating in 1932; and

38 WHEREAS, Richard Tillman Fountain, in his self-appointed quest to lead the State
39 of North Carolina to higher summits of attainment, envisioned, introduced, and championed the
40 law enacted by the 1923 General Assembly, which authorized the establishment of the Eastern
41 Carolina Industrial Training School for boys; and

42 WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard Tillman Fountain, as Chairman of the Board of
43 Trustees of the Eastern Carolina Industrial Training School for Boys, presided over its destiny

1 for more than two decades with the fortitude of a skilled statesman and the insight of a
2 dedicated leader and prophet, and led it, with unerring precision, toward its present pinnacle of
3 accomplishment; and

4 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a State should recognize the creative
5 achievements of its people, who render distinguished public service to their fellow citizens, the
6 following tribute of appreciation and esteem is expressed by the State of North Carolina to the
7 Honorable Richard Tillman Fountain, the Founder of the "Eastern Carolina Industrial Training
8 School for Boys";

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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11 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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13 **Section 1.** G.S. 134-67, as the same appears in Replacement Volume 3B of the
14 General Statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the words "Eastern Carolina Industrial
15 Training School for Boys", in line 2, and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "Richard T.
16 Fountain School", for the reason that the said institution shall hereafter be known and
17 recognized as the "Richard T. Fountain School".

18 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

19 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

20 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of June.

21 1969.