

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1171*

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Pitt.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 10, 1999

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WASHINGTON COUNTY UPON ITS
2 BICENTENNIAL AND HONORING GEORGE WASHINGTON, FOR WHOM
3 THE COUNTY IS NAMED.

4 Whereas, Washington County was formed in 1799 from Tyrrell County, and
5 named for George Washington, the first President of the United States; and

6 Whereas, the first county seat was the Town of Roper earlier known as Lee's
7 Mill where the first wood-framed courthouse was built; and

8 Whereas, in 1823 the General Assembly passed an act moving the county seat
9 from Lee's Mill to Plymouth; and

10 Whereas, Washington County is an area rich in history; and

11 Whereas, Washington County served in the 1700s and 1800s as a major port,
12 and the area prospered with rich agricultural and shipping resources until the Civil War;
13 and

14 Whereas, the local culture reflects the pride instilled in each and every citizen
15 as to their history; and

16 Whereas, the local Port O'Plymouth Museum located in Plymouth on the
17 historic Roanoke River displays artifacts and documentation as to the rich heritage of the
18 County specifically regarding the Civil War era; and

19 Whereas, there are many projects underway to restore and enhance historical
20 sites throughout the County including the Roanoke River Lighthouse Reconstruction; and

1 Whereas, Washington County has prided itself on being an agriculturally based
2 county, but maintains a diversified workforce for local industry particularly in wood and
3 paper products; and

4 Whereas, Washington County is a haven for people who enjoy hunting,
5 fishing, camping, or hiking whether it be on the Albemarle Sound, Roanoke River,
6 Scuppernong River, Lake Phelps, one of the many creeks, in one of the reserves rich in
7 wildlife, or in Pettigrew State Park; and

8 Whereas, the County Commissioners have appointed a Bicentennial
9 Committee that has been working diligently developing the County's history and recently
10 published Washington County, North Carolina - "A Tapestry."; and

11 Whereas, the Bicentennial Committee is scheduling events celebrating the
12 bicentennial during the months of September through November of 1999; Now,
13 therefore,

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

15 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of George
16 Washington and expresses appreciation for the contributions he made to this country.
17 The General Assembly congratulates Washington County on its bicentennial and joins
18 the County's citizens in celebrating the County's bicentennial.

19 Section 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
20 resolution to the Chair of the Washington County Board of Commissioners and to the
21 County Manager.

22 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.