

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1339

Sponsors: Representative Holliman.

Referred to:

July 16, 2003

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY
2 OF LEXINGTON.

3 Whereas, the City of Lexington was incorporated through an act of the
4 General Assembly on December 28, 1827, and the first town commissioners were
5 elected on February 7, 1828; and

6 Whereas, during the City's early development, settlers built homes along dirt
7 roads, entrepreneurs opened general stores, missionaries constructed churches, and
8 bankers assisted people in the normal trade that grew in volume each year; and

9 Whereas, over the years, the means of transportation progressed from horse to
10 train to automobile, streets were paved, telephone lines were strung, and electricity lines
11 were run throughout Lexington and into the surrounding areas; and

12 Whereas, Lexington serves as the county seat of Davidson County, the
13 location of one of the largest street festivals in the Southeast, the Lexington Barbecue
14 Festival, and home to nationally known artist Bob Timberlake and the Bob Timberlake
15 Gallery; and

16 Whereas, in 1985, Lexington was designated by the House of Representatives
17 as the "Hickory Cooked Barbecue Capitol of Piedmont North Carolina"; and

18 Whereas, today, Lexington has grown into a modern city with a population of
19 over 20,000 people; and

20 Whereas, it is fitting to recognize and honor those who struggled to build the
21 City of Lexington and provide the infrastructure that has been enjoyed for many years
22 and will be passed onto future generations; and

23 Whereas, citizens of Lexington will celebrate the City's 175th anniversary
24 throughout 2003 with special events, including concerts, exhibits, theatrical
25 productions, festivals, outdoor activities, and appearances by dignitaries and celebrities,
26 a celebration that should be enjoyed and supported by all citizens of this great State;

27 Now, therefore,

28 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

1 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives congratulates the City of
2 Lexington for its fortitude and commitment and extends good wishes on this special and
3 auspicious occasion.

4 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives commends unto the citizens of
5 North Carolina the opportunity to join the citizens of the City of Lexington in their
6 memorial festivities and urges the citizens to participate in this celebration.

7 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this
8 resolution to the Mayor of the City of Lexington.

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