

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR80353-LG-180 (7/16)

Sponsors: Representative McComas.

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE GREATER WILMINGTON
2 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 150TH
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce was established in
5 1853 with 39 of the 40 houses of trade in attendance at the first meeting and Robert W.
6 Brown, Esquire, called to Chair and D. McRae, Esquire, appointed Secretary; and

7 Whereas, the Chamber was formed to promote area businesses and strengthen
8 the local economy; and

9 Whereas, the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is the oldest
10 Chamber in North Carolina and is among the oldest in the United States; and

11 Whereas, for 150 years the Chamber has dedicated itself to serving the
12 Wilmington area business community by listening to its members and providing them
13 with benefits and services to support their successes, advocating positions on those
14 business-related issues most beneficial to its members and to the community, and
15 participating in initiatives that positively affect the quality of life in the community; and

16 Whereas, the Chamber's mission is enhanced through proactive leadership
17 and partnerships throughout Southeastern North Carolina; and

18 Whereas, the Chamber's membership has grown to more than 1,650
19 businesses strong, enabling the Chamber to continue to establish and promote programs
20 that help area businesses prosper and strengthen the economy of the State of North
21 Carolina; Now, therefore,

22 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

23 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the founders of the
24 Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

25 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives congratulates the Greater
26 Wilmington Chamber of Commerce on its 150th anniversary and encourages area
27 businesses to continue to support the valuable work performed by the Chamber on their
28 behalf.

1 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this
2 resolution to the Chair of the Board of Directors and to the President and CEO of the
3 Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

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