

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR50360-LG-289 (04/21)**

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Sponsors: Representatives Lewis, Gibson, and Hill (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOHN DEERE AND  
2 RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DEERE & COMPANY.

3       Whereas, John Deere was born in Rutland, Vermont, on February 7, 1804,  
4 and was trained as a blacksmith; and

5       Whereas, John Deere developed the first successful steel plow, which had a  
6 tremendous impact on the growth of agriculture in the United States; and

7       Whereas, John Deere founded the company that bore his name in 1837, which  
8 later became Deere & Company in 1868; and

9       Whereas, Deere & Company is currently the world's leading manufacturer of  
10 agriculture and forestry equipment, a major manufacturer of construction equipment,  
11 and a leading supplier of equipment used in lawn, grounds, and turf care; and

12       Whereas, Deere & Company employs more than 46,000 employees  
13 worldwide and does business in more than 160 countries; and

14       Whereas, Deere & Company has made an impact in the State of North  
15 Carolina with more than 2,000 North Carolinians employed in four business operations  
16 across the State; and

17       Whereas, Cary is the location of the John Deere Commercial and Consumer  
18 Equipment Division's Worldwide Headquarters, which administers the manufacturing,  
19 marketing, and sale of commercial mowing products, homeowner lawn tractors, utility  
20 vehicles, utility tractors, and other machinery, and distributes these products to 60  
21 countries; and

22       Whereas, in Kernersville, Deere & Company and Hitachi jointly manufacture  
23 hydraulic excavators, which are widely used in the construction industry; and

24       Whereas, in Fuquay-Varina, John Deere Turf Care produces a multitude of  
25 commercial and consumer grounds care products, which are mainly used for golf course  
26 maintenance; and

1           Whereas, Charlotte is the site of the Deere & Company's SouthEast  
2 Engineering Center, which focuses on engineering, technological development, testing,  
3 and supply management for agriculture, commercial, and consumer equipment; and

4           Whereas, there are 99 John Deere dealerships across the State that greatly  
5 contribute to the State's economy as employers, purchasers of goods and services, and  
6 as taxpaying businesses; and

7           Whereas, Deere & Company spends more than \$168 million annually through  
8 630 North Carolina suppliers; and

9           Whereas, Deere & Company supports numerous charitable organizations  
10 throughout the State, enhancing the quality of life for North Carolina's citizens; and

11           Whereas, Deere & Company has upheld the values of quality, integrity,  
12 innovation, and commitment first shown by the company's founder, John Deere, for 168  
13 years; Now, therefore,

14 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

15           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of John  
16 Deere, an innovator in agriculture and business, and commends the company he  
17 founded, Deere & Company, for its many contributions to the State of North Carolina.

18           **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this  
19 resolution to the Director of Public Affairs of the John Deere Commercial and  
20 Consumer Equipment Division's Worldwide Headquarters.

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