

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1786

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Lewis, and Dickson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

June 14, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF
2 GODWIN ON THE OCCASION OF THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, the Town of Godwin, located in northeast Cumberland County
5 about one mile east of the Cape Fear River in a one-half square mile area between the
6 Coastal Plain and the Piedmont, developed around the area's post office and railroad
7 depot; and

8 Whereas, Godwin was named for the Town's first postmaster, Isaac William
9 Godwin, who served in the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1876 and 1877;
10 and

11 Whereas, Representative Isaac William Godwin was instrumental in locating
12 the railroad depot for the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad in what was to become the
13 town of Godwin; and

14 Whereas, Godwin was chartered by the General Assembly on March 6, 1905;
15 and

16 Whereas, Godwin's first officers were Mayor Hector McIntyre and
17 Commissioners J.W. McLean, J.M. Starling, and J.W. Deans; Clerk and Treasurer D.L.
18 Pridgen; and Chief of Police William C. Sills; and

19 Whereas, the railroad was instrumental in the early growth and development
20 of Godwin, providing the means for the Town's residents to distribute their products to
21 other parts of the State and country; and

22 Whereas, Godwin's residents once produced large quantities of tar, turpentine,
23 and ship masts and grew cotton, tobacco, corn, wheat, and soybeans; and

24 Whereas, Godwin was once the location of several general and grocery
25 stores, a cotton gin, a blacksmith shop, and a nearby mill; and

26 Whereas, Godwin gained its first school in 1905 after the consolidation of
27 three neighborhood one-room schools and remained open until 1954; and

28 Whereas, some of Godwin's oldest structures include the Godwin
29 Presbyterian Church, founded in 1904, Godwin Baptist Church, founded in 1907, and
30 Black's Chapel United Methodist Church, founded in 1876; and

1 Whereas, today, Godwin is a residential community of about 77 people; and
2 Whereas, Godwin's 100th anniversary is worthy of celebration; Now,
3 therefore,

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of the
6 founders and early residents of the Town of Godwin for their contributions to North
7 Carolina.

8 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Godwin on
9 its 100th anniversary and encourages the people of this State to join the citizens of
10 Godwin in celebrating this historic occasion.

11 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
12 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Godwin.

13 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.