

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1786**  
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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 it 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 114 people; and  
2           Whereas, Godwin's 100<sup>th</sup> 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 100<sup>th</sup> 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.