

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2889

Sponsors: Representative Harrell.

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

June 22, 2006

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF WILLIAM
2 RICHARDSON DAVIE FOR HIS ROLE IN ESTABLISHING THE UNIVERSITY
3 OF NORTH CAROLINA ON THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
4 OF HIS BIRTH.

5 Whereas, William Richardson Davie was born in Egremont,
6 Cumberlandshire, England, on June 20, 1756; and

7 Whereas, William Richardson Davie attended Queen's Museum College in
8 Charlotte and later practiced law and lived in Salisbury and Halifax, where the family
9 home is part of the Historic Halifax State Historic Site; and

10 Whereas, William Richardson Davie became a distinguished Revolutionary
11 War officer, a North Carolina legislator, governor, and the State's delegate to the
12 Constitutional Convention; and

13 Whereas, William Richardson Davie was the guiding spirit throughout the
14 formative period of The University of North Carolina and wrote the bill to establish the
15 University; and

16 Whereas, The University of North Carolina today stands as a lasting reminder
17 of William Richardson Davie's interest in public education; and

18 Whereas, William Richardson Davie believed the creation of the first state
19 university was essential to the building of a nation, and promoted higher education as a
20 public responsibility; and

21 Whereas, as the 250th anniversary of the birthday of William Richardson
22 Davie nears, the General Assembly celebrates his life and memory and his many
23 contributions, including founding The University of North Carolina; Now, therefore,
24 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

25 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of
26 William Richardson Davie and acknowledges the significant leadership role he played
27 in establishing The University of North Carolina and in so ably serving our State and
28 nation.

1 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
2 resolution to Sarah Lathrop of Charlotte on behalf of the Davie family descendants and
3 the North Carolina Collection of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

4 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.