

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 511*
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/17/05

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 7, 2005

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

3 Whereas, the Town of Cornelius was established by an act of the North
4 Carolina General Assembly on March 4, 1905, and was named for Joseph Benjamin
5 Cornelius, the principal stockholder of the Cornelius Cotton Mill, who died October 23,
6 1914; and

7 Whereas, the act provided the corporate limits of the Town of Cornelius as
8 follows: Beginning at a stone one thousand yards due north of the northeast corner of
9 the depot of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railway Company, and running due east
10 one thousand yards to a stone; thence due south two thousand yards to another stone;
11 thence due west two thousand yards to another stone; thence due north two thousand
12 yards to another stone; thence due east one thousand yards to the beginning; and

13 Whereas, the elected officials of the Town of Cornelius originally consisted
14 of a Mayor, J. B. Proctor, and five Commissioners: P. A. Stough, J. W. Goodrum, P. A.
15 Chester, W. B. Owen, J. W. Barnett, and a constable, clerk, and treasurer; and

16 Whereas, the Town of Cornelius by 1960 had developed into a progressive
17 little town, proud of its schools, churches, clubs, public library, and business firms with
18 a population of 1,444 having grown from 459 in 1900, and presently having grown to
19 15,399; and

20 Whereas, Lake Norman was created from 1959 to 1964 when Duke Power
21 Company built the Cowans Ford Dam across the Catawba River to generate electrical
22 energy; and

23 Whereas, the creation of the lake led to recreational, residential, and business
24 opportunities in Mecklenburg County and established the Town of Cornelius as a great
25 place to live, work, and play; Now, therefore,

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

27 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of the
28 founders and early residents of the Town of Cornelius for their contributions to North
29 Carolina.

1 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Cornelius
2 on its 100th Anniversary and encourages the people of this State to join the citizens of
3 Cornelius in celebrating this historic occasion.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
5 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Cornelius.

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