

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1164\***

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Sponsors: Senator Soles.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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March 28, 2005

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

4       Whereas, the Town of Tabor City was first known as "Tabor" when it was  
5 incorporated by the General Assembly on February 5, 1905, but in 1935, the name of  
6 the Town was changed to Tabor City; and

7       Whereas, the Town was named for Mount Tabor Baptist Church, which was  
8 organized in the area around 1840; and

9       Whereas, the first officers of the Town were Mayor Condary W. Brown and  
10 Commissioners L.M. Stephens, D.L. Harrelson, and W.C. Graham; and

11       Whereas, Condary W. Brown also served as the Town's first postmaster; and

12       Whereas, in its early years, due in part to the expansion of the railroad, Tabor  
13 City's industry and economy prospered; and

14       Whereas, in 1889, Charles H. Inman and Jasper Inman established the area's  
15 first mercantile store, which specialized in dry goods and groceries; and

16       Whereas, in 1905, Jesse Lewis established Enterprise Grocery, which became  
17 the Town's first brick building; and

18       Whereas, by 1909, a number of businesses had settled in the area, including a  
19 turpentine mill, tobacco warehouse, livery stable, and a hotel; and

20       Whereas, in 1910, the Bank of Tabor, Harrelson's Pharmacy, and a strawberry  
21 crate factory opened for business; and

22       Whereas, during the 1920s, a number of merchants opened businesses in the  
23 Town, including Charlie C. Soles, who established the C.C. Soles Company, a general  
24 merchandise business that sold groceries, furniture, hardware, and other necessities and  
25 was later named C.C. Soles and Sons, when sons, Wallace Soles and Robert C. Soles  
26 joined the business; and

27       Whereas, during the 1930s and 1940s, dairy, produce, and lumber products  
28 contributed to the Town's economic prosperity; and

29       Whereas, during the 1950s, Tabor City was known as the Yam Capital of the  
30 World; and

1           Whereas, from the 1960s through the 1990s, tobacco production was the most  
2 important industry in Tabor City; and

3           Whereas, today, more than 2,500 citizens make Tabor City their home; and

4           Whereas, for 100 years, Tabor City has made significant contributions to the  
5 social, cultural, and economic prosperity of the State of North Carolina; Now, therefore,  
6 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

7           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of  
8 the Town of Tabor City for the contributions they made to the development of the  
9 Town.

10          **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Tabor City  
11 on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and encourages the citizens of this State to join the Town in  
12 celebrating this historic occasion.

13          **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
14 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Tabor City.

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