

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR70051-LG-67 (1/30)

Sponsors: Representative Coleman.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF
2 ZEBULON ON THE TOWN'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, the Town of Zebulon can trace its early beginnings to 1906, when
4 the Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad Company brought rail service to the area; and

5 Whereas, on February 15, 1906, real estate developers Edgar B. Barbee and
6 Falconer B. Arendell received a charter for the Zebulon Company and began dividing
7 up their 49 acres into lots, blocks, streets, and avenues; and

8 Whereas, on February 16, 1907, the area consisting of 297.5 acres was
9 officially recognized as the Town of Zebulon; and

10 Whereas, the Town was named for Zebulon B. Vance, who served as
11 Governor of North Carolina during the Civil War; and

12 Whereas, Zebulon's first appointed officers were Mayor Joseph F. Fields and
13 Commissioners Nathan L. Horton, J. Michael Whitley, Thomas F. Powell, William S.
14 Horton, and J. Henry Bunn; and

15 Whereas, Zebulon's first elected officers were Mayor Thomas J. Horton and
16 Commissioners Avon G. Kemp, William S. Horton, Nathan L. Horton, Thomas F.
17 Powell, and Joseph F. Fields; and

18 Whereas, some of Zebulon's earliest businesses included the Whitley Hotel,
19 the Town's first boardinghouse, and the Bank of Zebulon, the Town's first bank; and

20 Whereas, for many years, tobacco production was the most important
21 industry in Zebulon; and

22 Whereas, Zebulon has continued to grow and prosper through the continued
23 dedication, insight, and planning of the Town's concerned leaders and citizens; and

24 Whereas, currently Zebulon consists of 2,950 acres or 3.1 square miles; and

25 Whereas, Zebulon is known as "The Town of Friendly People" and is home
26 to more than 4,600 people; and

27 Whereas, Zebulon's 100th anniversary is worthy of recognition and
28 celebration; Now, therefore,

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of
3 the Town of Zebulon on the Town's 100th anniversary.

4 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly joins the citizens of the Town of
5 Zebulon in celebrating the Town's 100th Anniversary.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
7 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Zebulon.

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