

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2007-8
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 151

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of
March, 2007.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives