GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

H HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1876

Sponsors: Representatives Faison and Insko (Primary Sponsors).

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

April 26, 2007

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING HILLSBOROUGH HOG DAY ON ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce has conducted Hillsborough Hog Day, in Downtown Hillsborough, North Carolina, for 25 years; and

Whereas, Hillsborough was mapped out in 1754 on land where the Great Indian Trading Path crossed the Eno River; and

Whereas, Hillsborough has been the home of individuals who have made a difference in and for our State, including William Churton, who laid out the town; Thomas Day, an African-American furniture maker; William Hooper, a North Carolina signer of the Declaration of Independence; Elizabeth Keckley, a former slave who went on to become Mary Todd Lincoln's White House seamstress; and William Graham, Governor of North Carolina, United States Senator, a Secretary of the Navy; and

Whereas, based on the strong foundation of these individuals and many others, Hillsborough is a culturally diverse village and the county seat for Orange County; and

Whereas, the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce, Town of Hillsborough, and Orange County government invite thousands of visitors to join the festivities on the third weekend in June for Hillsborough Hog Day; and

Whereas, Hillsborough Hog Day has grown from a small bake sale into an established, important community event attracting up to 35,000 residents and visitors who come to celebrate the Town of Hillsborough; and

Whereas, the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce continues to present family-friendly, safe, fun entertainment to the community and to its visitors on the third Friday and Saturday of each June; and

Whereas, Hillsborough Hog Day presents a wide array of musical entertainment over a day and a half, all with North Carolina roots; and

Whereas, Hillsborough Hog Day celebrates one of North Carolina's most important agricultural products, pork, by hosting 30 teams of cookers to prepare three tons of slow-cooked barbecue for sale to and consumption by Hog Day attendees; and

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Whereas, Hillsborough Hog Day is planned and presented by a hardworking group of volunteers and by staff of the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce; and

4 5 Whereas, Hillsborough Hog Day was named in 2005 by MSN.com as one of the "Summer's Best Activities;" and

6 7 Whereas, Hillsborough Hog Day has become a unique opportunity to visit one of North Carolina's three Destinations of Distinction, as designated by the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

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Whereas, plans have been made to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Hillsborough Hog Day on Friday, June 15, and Saturday, June 16, 2007; Now, therefore,

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

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SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors Hillsborough Hog Day on its 25th anniversary.

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SECTION 2. The General Assembly honors the memory of former Hillsborough citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the Town of Hillsborough and the State of North Carolina.

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SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the President of the Board of Directors of the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

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SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.