

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80466-LG-608 (6/14)**

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Sponsors: Representative Cole.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE  
2 SCOTS AND SCOTS-IRISH TO NORTH CAROLINA.

3 Whereas, April 6 has a special significance for all Americans, and especially  
4 those Americans of Scottish descent; and

5 Whereas, on April 6, 1320, the Declaration of Arbroath, the Scottish  
6 Declaration of Independence, was signed; and

7 Whereas, the American Declaration of Independence was modeled on this  
8 inspirational document; and

9 Whereas, almost half the signers of the United States Declaration of  
10 Independence were of Scottish descent as were the governors of nine of the original 13  
11 colonies; and

12 Whereas, more than 27 million Americans can trace their roots back to  
13 Scotland and the Scottish plantations of Northern Ireland; and

14 Whereas, the State of North Carolina was the primary destination of Scots  
15 and Scots-Irish immigrants, some of whom became leaders of the State such as Colonial  
16 Governors Thomas Pollock and Gabriel Johnston and Governor Samuel Johnston; and

17 Whereas, North Carolina continues to lead the country in residents with  
18 Scottish and Scots-Irish heritage; and

19 Whereas, many organizations and legislative bodies have recognized the  
20 month of April as National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month, including the members of  
21 the Triad Highland Games, the Triad St. Andrews Society, and the Triad Scottish  
22 American Military Society, which declared the recognition on April 6, 2006; and

23 Whereas, it is fitting that the General Assembly honor the major role that the  
24 Scots and Scots-Irish played in the founding of this nation by recognizing the month of  
25 April of each year as National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage Month in the State of North  
26 Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Thomas  
2 Pollock, Gabriel Johnston, and Samuel Johnston, all of whom were born in Scotland, for  
3 their leadership of and contributions to the development of the State of North Carolina.

4           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly urges the citizens of this State to  
5 recognize the month of April of each year as National Scots, Scots-Irish Heritage  
6 Month.

7           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.