

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 216

Sponsors: Representative C. Graham (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to:

March 6, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF
2 PROCTORVILLE ON THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, the Town of Proctorville, located in southern Robeson County, was named
4 for Edward Knox Proctor, Jr., a prominent Lumberton lawyer and promoter of the Raleigh and
5 Charleston Railroad, who helped in the development of Robeson County; and

6 Whereas, the Town of Proctorville grew out of a 50-acre tract of land that was
7 originally owned by Calvin Graham and given to his slave, Dennis Graham; and

8 Whereas, on July 20, 1899, Augustus Mellier purchased a right-of-way for the
9 Carolina and Northern Railroad from Dennis Graham, and later purchased 10 acres of the
10 original tract on both sides of the railroad, which were laid out into four blocks, then
11 subdivided into lots, with properly laid out streets; and

12 Whereas, on May 1, 1900, Edward Knox Proctor, Jr., purchased the 10-acre site that
13 had been named in his honor from Augustus Mellier, and upon his death, the site was
14 purchased by W.R. Surles; and

15 Whereas, the Town of Proctorville was incorporated on March 7, 1913; and

16 Whereas, the first officers of Proctorville included Mayor K. Atkinson; aldermen C.
17 W. Graham, K. Barnes, and J. K. Atkinson; and Constable P. P. Smith; and

18 Whereas, at one time, Proctorville held the distinction of being the smallest town in
19 the United States with its own public library, the W.R. Surles Memorial Library; and

20 Whereas, Proctorville has continued to prosper through the continued dedication,
21 insight, and planning of the Town's leaders and citizens; and

22 Whereas, plans have been made to celebrate the Town's 100th anniversary on March
23 9, 2013; and

24 Whereas, this occasion is worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed and
25 supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

26 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

27 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of the founders of
28 the Town of Proctorville and congratulates the Town on its 100th anniversary.

29 **SECTION 2.** The Principal clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to
30 the Mayor of the Town of Proctorville.

31 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

