

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2013**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 720**

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Sponsors: Representative Dockham (Primary Sponsor).

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

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April 11, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THOSE WHO ESTABLISHED THE DAVIDSON  
2 COUNTY INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION CENTER AND DAVIDSON COUNTY  
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

4 Whereas, Davidson County Community College (DCCC) first opened its doors in  
5 August of 1963 as the Davidson County Industrial Education Center with 125 students; and

6 Whereas, Lexington's Felix Gee and Thomasville's Doak Finch worked tirelessly to  
7 garner the support needed to open the new Center; and

8 Whereas, the Lexington and Thomasville Chambers of Commerce, the city and  
9 county governments, the local school boards, and other local leaders and supporters came  
10 together as champions for education; and

11 Whereas, North Carolina then provided for the creation of community colleges by  
12 State law, and the Davidson County Industrial Education Center received its charter as  
13 Davidson County Community College in 1965; and

14 Whereas, DCCC built its programs over the decades, evolving from an institution  
15 providing vocational education and technical programs into an institution of higher learning  
16 offering transfer curricula for students continuing with their educations, state-of-the-art  
17 advanced manufacturing labs ensuring success for students in a new economy, top-of-the-line  
18 allied health education meeting our region's health care needs, and a myriad of other programs  
19 preparing students for enhanced career and educational opportunities within a changing global  
20 environment; and

21 Whereas, DCCC expanded its operations in Davie County throughout the 1980s and  
22 officially opened its Davie Campus in 1994 with the support of Davie citizens, city and county  
23 governments, and State leaders; and

24 Whereas, the DCCC Foundation, created in 1968, has provided a source of program  
25 support, scholarship assistance, and the ability to pursue new initiatives for the future; and

26 Whereas, DCCC has been skillfully led by William T. Sinclair, head of the  
27 Industrial Education Center (1963-1965), and the College's three presidents, Grady E. Love  
28 (1965-1982), J. Bryan Brooks (1982-2002), and Mary E. Rittling (2003-present); and

29 Whereas, DCCC now serves over 16,000 students a year at two campuses and three  
30 satellite centers; and

31 Whereas, DCCC has welcomed the return of athletics to campus with winning  
32 women's volleyball and men's basketball teams that contribute to a vibrant campus life that also  
33 teems with student clubs and other opportunities for active engagement outside the classroom;  
34 and



1           Whereas, DCCC is a leader locally, regionally, across the State, and nationwide and  
2 is proud to participate in such prestigious national initiatives as Achieving the Dream and  
3 Completion by Design and is also proud to have a global vision enhanced by international  
4 students, Fulbright Scholars, and opportunities for global travel; and

5           Whereas, from its humble beginnings 50 years ago to today, Davidson County  
6 Community College continues to have a singular purpose: student success; Now, therefore,  
7 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

8           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the leadership and foresight of  
9 those in Davidson and Davie Counties who established the Davidson County Industrial  
10 Education Center and Davidson County Community College and expresses appreciation to  
11 those locally, regionally, statewide, and at the national level who show a continuing  
12 commitment to making DCCC a center for student success.

13           **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives joins with the citizens of Davidson and  
14 Davie Counties in celebrating the August 2013 anniversary of the first day of classes and in  
15 celebrating DCCC's entire 50th Anniversary year.

16           **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the  
17 President of Davidson County Community College.

18           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.