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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1245

Sponsors: Representative Bell.

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE 250TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED
2 STATES OF AMERICA AND CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE STATE
3 OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, July 4, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary—the Semiquincentennial—of
5 the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the founding of the United States of
6 America; and

7 Whereas, for two and one-half centuries the people of the United States have built
8 and sustained a nation dedicated to the principles of liberty, equality, and self-government; and

9 Whereas, the State of North Carolina played a pivotal role in the movement for
10 American independence; and

11 Whereas, on April 12, 1776, the Fourth Provincial Congress, meeting at Halifax,
12 adopted the Halifax Resolves, the first official action by an entire colony recommending
13 independence from Great Britain, a date memorialized on the North Carolina State flag and seal;
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15 Whereas, the citizens of Mecklenburg County are remembered for the Mecklenburg
16 Resolves of May 1775, among the earliest American expressions of the desire for independence;
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18 Whereas, North Carolinians served with distinction throughout the Revolutionary
19 War; and

20 Whereas, true to its motto of "To be rather than to seem," North Carolina has
21 continued to contribute to the strength, prosperity, and character of the nation; and

22 Whereas, it is fitting to commemorate this milestone anniversary and to honor the
23 enduring legacy of the State of North Carolina; Now, therefore,
24 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

25 **SECTION 1.** The 250th anniversary of the United States of America is hereby
26 recognized and celebrated as a landmark occasion in the history of the nation.

27 **SECTION 2.** The historic and continuing contributions of the State of North
28 Carolina to the founding and flourishing of the United States are hereby honored and
29 commemorated.

30 **SECTION 3.** The people of North Carolina are encouraged to observe this
31 Semiquincentennial and to participate in commemorative events celebrating the nation's 250th
32 anniversary.

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

