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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1455
Adopted 7/24/01

Sponsors: Representatives Rogers and Culpepper.

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

May 31, 2001

A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF CIVIL WAR VETERANS IRA T. HARDISON AND JOHN F. MCNAIR, AND OTHERS BURIED IN THE WINDLEY CEMETERY AND COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF THE WINDLEY CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE ASSOCIATION, INC., AND THE PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY IN RESTORING AND PRESERVING THAT CEMETERY.

Whereas, the Windley Cemetery Perpetual Care Association, Inc., a private nonprofit association, was formed in 1993 by a group of civic-minded citizens in the Town of Plymouth; and

Whereas, association members were enormously successful in soliciting private donations totaling \$125,000 from relatives who had loved ones interred in the Windley Cemetery and from other members of the Plymouth community to sustain a tax-free Perpetual Care Fund for the Windley Cemetery; and

Whereas, after this achievement, the association decided to restore the Windley Cemetery to the prominent burial ground that it had once been; and

Whereas, the Windley Cemetery was first used as a cemetery during the Civil War era; and

Whereas, the cemetery contains several acres of land with 1,500 grave sites; and

Whereas, many graves of known Civil War Veterans have been discovered in the cemetery, including those of Ira T. Hardison, Company A, 17th North Carolina Infantry and John F. McNair, Company E, 52nd North Carolina Infantry; and

Whereas, some of those buried in the cemetery were casualties of the Battle of Plymouth, which was fought twice, once with the Confederates winning the battle and some weeks later with the Union Forces regaining possession of Plymouth; and

Whereas, the Battle of Plymouth was the only time the Southern Army performed this feat; and

Whereas, association members have completed several projects in their efforts to restore the Windley Cemetery, including:

- (1) Identifying those who fell victim of the war as well as those who survived and are interred in the cemetery.
- (2) Fencing the entire cemetery with a brick and wrought iron fence across the front and with a split rail fence on each side and the rear.
- (3) Constructing a monument and erecting a flagpole in honor of the deceased veterans and others who are buried in the cemetery.
- (4) Landscaping the entire cemetery.
- (5) Installing gravel and paving four access lanes; and

Whereas, these restoration projects were financed with additional funds outside of the Perpetual Care Fund; and

Whereas, the actions taken in restoring the Windley Cemetery will forever be a reminder to the Plymouth community and the State of our past war history and how that history influences our lives today; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

SECTION 1. The House of Representatives honors the memory of Ira T. Hardison, John F. McNair, and others buried in the Windley Cemetery and commends the Windley Cemetery Perpetual Care Association, Inc., and the Plymouth Community for recognizing the need to preserve the Windley Cemetery.

SECTION 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Windley Cemetery Perpetual Care Association, Inc.

SECTION 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.