

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1781

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

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

August 5, 2002

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF ALEXANDER TROY ON
2 THE OCCASION OF THE TOWN OF TROY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, on October 18, 1843, Angus McCaskill donated 50 acres of land to
4 build a courthouse and lay out a new town in Montgomery County; and

5 Whereas, initially this area was a county crossroads called "Simmons Tan
6 Yard" after the Lockey Simmons family who had a successful tanning business in the
7 area; and

8 Whereas, the crossroads was incorporated as the Town of Troy on December
9 27, 1852; and

10 Whereas, the Town was named for Alexander Troy, a popular State Solicitor;
11 and

12 Whereas, the Town became the county seat for Montgomery County; and

13 Whereas, the Town became a hub of activity and a center of business as a
14 result of the new courthouse; and

15 Whereas, the Town grew from 200 people in the 1880s to about 900 in 1900
16 with the arrival of the railroad and the founding of the Smitherman Cotton Mills; and

17 Whereas, the Town is home to Capel, Inc., the largest manufacturer of
18 braided rugs in the world, which was founded in 1917; and

19 Whereas, the Town has been a center for textile manufacturing since the
20 1950s; and

21 Whereas, the Town is a center for the lumber industry and is home to four
22 lumber mills; and

23 Whereas, the Town is the birthplace to some of the State's former public
24 servants, including Superior Court Judge Frank M. Armstrong, State Senator Garland S.
25 Garriss, and State Representative Joseph Paul Wallace; and

26 Whereas, the Town has continued to thrive for 150 years; and

27 Whereas, the Town has served as an important governmental center in
28 Montgomery County and has made significant contributions to the State of North
29 Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

1 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of
2 Alexander Troy for the contributions he rendered to the State of North Carolina.

3 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its congratulations to the Town
4 of Troy on its 150th anniversary and encourages the citizens of this State to participate in
5 activities celebrating this historic occasion.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
7 resolution to the Town of Troy and Montgomery County.

8 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.