

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 277**

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Sponsors: Representatives Stam; Dollar and Weiss.

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

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February 25, 2009

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF  
2 FUQUAY-VARINA WHILE RECOGNIZING THE TOWN'S CENTENNIAL  
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, in an area known as Sippihaw, because of an earlier settlement of  
5 Sippihaw Indians, Stephen Fuquay discovered a mineral spring on land that he was farming,  
6 and he invited friends and neighbors to drink from the spring; and

7 Whereas, at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the mineral spring became a focal point for  
8 visitors who traveled from all over the United States by railroad to partake in the spring water  
9 that was believed to contain "healing powers;" and

10 Whereas, the resort community of Fuquay Springs established an economic center  
11 for southern Wake, western Johnston, and northern Harnett counties; and

12 Whereas, the Town of Fuquay Springs was officially chartered by the State of North  
13 Carolina on March 6, 1909; and

14 Whereas, the economic activity in Fuquay Springs shifted to agricultural production  
15 with Fuquay Springs being the home of a major tobacco market for decades; and

16 Whereas, as a part of an annexation of unincorporated Varina, a regional railroad  
17 junction, in 1963, Fuquay Springs was renamed Fuquay-Varina, becoming the second largest  
18 municipality in North Carolina with a hyphenated name; and

19 Whereas, the last 15 years has seen Fuquay-Varina evolve from an agricultural  
20 community to a small commercial center with an ever-expanding residential base; and

21 Whereas, Fuquay-Varina continues to embrace growth while preserving the small  
22 town values that makes it a distinctive community in North Carolina; Now, therefore,  
23 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

24 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Stephen  
25 Fuquay for his contributions to the development of the Town of Fuquay-Varina.

26 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly recognizes the Town of Fuquay-Varina's  
27 centennial anniversary and encourages the citizens of this State to participate in activities  
28 commemorating this historic occasion.

29 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
30 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Fuquay-Varina.

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

