

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

S

D

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR55326-LG-130 (3/17)

Sponsors: Senator Soles.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE TOWN OF WATHA ON
2 THE OCCASION OF THE TOWN'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, the Town of Watha celebrated 100 years of incorporation on February 26,
4 2009; and

5 Whereas, Watha was settled in Pender County along the Washington Creek near the
6 Northeast Cape Fear River but moved to its present location after the railroad was constructed
7 in the area; and

8 Whereas, Watha, formerly known as "South Washington," served as the first county
9 seat of Pender County; and

10 Whereas, Watha's first officers were Mayor J. H. McGowan, Commissioners R.W.
11 Rivenbark, A. K. Parsons, and J. G. Black, and Constable W. J. Garriss; and

12 Whereas, many of Watha's citizens have contributed to the character of the Town
13 throughout its existence; and

14 Whereas, Watha has continued to prosper through the continued dedication, insight,
15 and planning of the Town's concerned leaders and citizens; and

16 Whereas, Watha served for three weeks of February 2008 as the scenic filming
17 location for the major motion picture, "The Secret Life of Bees," based on the best-selling book
18 by Sue Monk Kidd for three weeks during February of 2008; and

19 Whereas, Watha's citizens are very proud of their heritage and "small town" friendly
20 atmosphere; and

21 Whereas, Watha's historic anniversary is worthy of recognition and should be
22 enjoyed and supported by all North Carolinians; Now, therefore,

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

24 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of the
25 founders of the Town of Watha for their contributions to the State of North Carolina and
26 recognizes the residents of the Town of Watha on the one hundredth anniversary of the Town's
27 founding.

28 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
29 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Watha.

30 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

