

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR35346-LG-180 (06/11)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Jones.

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1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE TWO HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY  
2        OF HALIFAX COUNTY.

3           Whereas, in 1758 the Colonial Assembly passed an act effective January 1, 1759,  
4    dividing Edgecombe County into Edgecombe and Halifax Counties; and

5           Whereas, Halifax County was named for George Montagu, second Earl of Halifax,  
6    who served as president of the Board of Trade and was successful in extending commerce in  
7    North America; and

8           Whereas, Joseph Montford served as the first Clerk of Court of Halifax County; and

9           Whereas, Halifax County served as an important colonial government and  
10   commercial center; and

11          Whereas, on April 12, 1776, the Fourth Provincial Congress met in Halifax, the  
12   County Seat of Halifax County, and unanimously adopted the "Halifax Resolves," the first  
13   official action taken by a colony recommending independence from Great Britain; and

14          Whereas, the legislature continued to meet in Halifax between 1779 and 1781; and

15          Whereas, the citizens of Halifax County have made significant contributions to the  
16   social, cultural, political, and economic prosperity of the State of North Carolina; and

17          Whereas, Halifax County has continued to grow and prosper through the continued  
18   dedication, insight, and planning of the County's concerned leaders and citizens; and

19          Whereas, plans have been made to celebrate the County's 250<sup>th</sup> historic anniversary  
20   on July 4, 2009, and during other times throughout the year; and

21          Whereas, this occasion is worthy of celebration and should be enjoyed and  
22   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 honors the founders of Halifax County and  
25   congratulates the County on its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

26        **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
27   resolution to the Honorable Gene W. Minton, Chair of the Halifax County Board of  
28   Commissioners.

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

