

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR65054-LG-208 (04/14)

Sponsors: Senator Foriest.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-THIRD
2 ANNIVERSARY OF CASWELL COUNTY.

3 Whereas, on April 18, 1777, Richard Caswell was elected by the General Assembly
4 to serve as the first governor of the State of North Carolina; and

5 Whereas, Richard Caswell had served as the Clerk of Court of Orange County from
6 1752 to 1754, a member of the Colonial House of Delegates, Commander of the right wing of
7 Governor Tryon's army at the Battle of Alamance in 1771, a member of the Continental
8 Congress from 1774 to 1775, Commander of the Patriots at the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge
9 in 1776, and as a delegate and president of the State Constitutional Convention in 1776, during
10 which time he helped to write North Carolina's constitution; and

11 Whereas, legislators attending the First Session of the Assembly in 1777 began the
12 monumental task of creating a free and independent State, unprecedented in the history of the
13 world; and

14 Whereas, their actions created the legal framework within which our great State
15 operates today; and

16 Whereas, on May 9, 1777, the General Assembly enacted legislation creating a new
17 county known as Caswell County and named it for Governor Richard Caswell; and

18 Whereas, Caswell County was formed from the northern portion of Orange County
19 with its current boundaries extending to Alamance, Orange, Person, and Rockingham Counties
20 and the State of Virginia; and

21 Whereas, Caswell County has two incorporated towns, Milton and Yanceyville, and
22 several townships, including Anderson, Blanch, Dan River, Leasburg, Locust Hill, Pelham,
23 Prospect Hill, and Stoney Creek; and

24 Whereas, the history of this north central Piedmont county is rich with an illustrious
25 heritage and lore; and

26 Whereas, the citizens of Caswell County have made significant contributions to the
27 social, cultural, political, and economic prosperity of the State of North Carolina; and

28 Whereas, it is incumbent upon the residents and native sons and daughters of
29 Caswell County to find and bind together, to become familiar with, grow in understanding of,
30 and acquire a sincere appreciation and respect for the history, heritage, and present existence of
31 Caswell County; and

32 Whereas, the citizens of Caswell County have made plans to celebrate the County's
33 233rd anniversary during 2010; and

34 Whereas, special events planned for the year include a Heritage Month Celebration
35 to be held throughout the County and the county seat of Yanceyville during June 2010; and

36 Whereas, Caswell County Heritage Month will include proclamations,
37 presentations, and entertainment appropriate to the occasion; and



1 Whereas, several Caswell County organizations have extended invitations to the
2 people of adjoining counties and the elected leaders of the State of North Carolina to join in
3 this celebration; and

4 Whereas, Caswell County's anniversary is an event worthy of celebration and should
5 be enjoyed and supported by all of North Carolina's citizens; Now, therefore,

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Governor Richard
8 Caswell for whom Caswell County is named.

9 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly recognizes June as Caswell County Heritage
10 Month, extends sincere greetings to the people of Caswell County on the occasion of the
11 County's celebration during June 2010, and encourages the citizens of Caswell County to join
12 in demonstrating respect for their history and heritage and for those leaders and contributors to
13 the history of the past 233 years who have bequeathed them the community they enjoy today.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
15 resolution to the Caswell County Board of Commissioners, Yanceyville Town Council,
16 Caswell County Historical Association, Dillard Educational and Economic Development
17 Services, Inc., and the Thomas Day Society. Additional copies shall be made available to other
18 County associations and agencies that have helped in the planning of this historic occasion.

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