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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR30521-LG-146C (1/17)

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Sponsors: Representatives Pridgen, Graham, and Pierce (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
2 NORTH CAROLINA AT PEMBROKE ON ITS ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH  
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, Preston Locklear, Hamilton McMillan, Reverend W.L. Moore, and O.R.  
5 Sampson requested that Representative Hamilton McMillan introduce legislation to finance  
6 public education for American Indian children, and as a result, the Croatan Indian Normal  
7 School was established; and

8 Whereas, when the 1887 law was enacted, the General Assembly appointed Preston  
9 Locklear, Hamilton McMillan, Reverend W.L. Moore, and O.R. Sampson as trustees to carry  
10 out the act; and

11 Whereas, it gave them authority to elect three other trustees, thus bringing the  
12 trustee body up to seven and J.J. Oxendine, Isaac Braboy, and Olin Oxendine were immediately  
13 selected; and

14 Whereas, according to *Pembroke State University: A Centennial History*, the  
15 seven-man Board of Trustees was charged with maintaining a school of "high grade for  
16 teachers of the Croatan race in North Carolina," as the Lumbee Indians were then known; and

17 Whereas, in addition, the establishment and survival of the institution owed a great  
18 deal to determined leaders such as Preston Locklear, Hamilton McMillan, Reverend W.L.  
19 Moore, and O.R. Sampson; and

20 Whereas, Reverend Moore was a charter member of the Croatan Indian Normal  
21 School's Board of Trustees and was celebrated as its first headmaster; and

22 Whereas, the General Assembly changed the name in 1911 to the Indian Normal  
23 School of Robeson County and again in 1913 to the Cherokee Indian Normal School of  
24 Robeson County; and

25 Whereas, in 1941 the General Assembly changed the name to Pembroke State  
26 College for Indians, and the school's curriculum further expanded; and

27 Whereas, in 1945 enrollment was further expanded to include American Indians  
28 from other tribes, and in 1949 the name was shortened to Pembroke State College; and

29 Whereas, in 1969 the name was changed to Pembroke State University and was  
30 designated a regional university; and

31 Whereas, in 1972 Pembroke State University became one of the constituent  
32 institutions of The University of North Carolina; and

33 Whereas, on July 1, 1996, Pembroke State University became the University of  
34 North Carolina at Pembroke; and

35 Whereas, on June 27, 2005, the North Carolina General Assembly enacted  
36 legislation designating the University of North Carolina at Pembroke as North Carolina's  
37 Historically American Indian University; and



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1           Whereas, today the University is a regional university with over 6,000 students and  
2 one of the most diverse institutions in America; and

3           Whereas, today at the Croatan Indian Normal School known as the University of  
4 North Carolina at Pembroke, the founders' legacy continues on its campus; and

5           Whereas, on March 14, 2012, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke began a  
6 14-month celebration to showcase the heritage, history, and accomplishments of students,  
7 faculty, staff, and alumni of this great institution; and

8           Whereas, *Pembroke State University: A Centennial History* eloquently noted that  
9 Reverend Moore "was an idealistic man who believed firmly in the uplifting effects of  
10 education"; Now, therefore,

11 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

12           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors and commemorates the first  
13 Board of Trustees and the legacy of educational opportunities the University of North Carolina  
14 at Pembroke has provided as part of the celebration of the University's 125th Anniversary on  
15 March 7, 2012.

16           **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
17 to the Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

18           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.