

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2001**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2001-25**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1460**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF JACKSON COUNTY  
ON THE COUNTY'S SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

Whereas, Jackson County was formed from portions of Haywood County and Macon County at the petition of its residents and following a memorial presented to the General Assembly by Representative Robert G.A. Love on December 10, 1850; and

Whereas, the General Assembly ratified the act to establish a new county named in honor of President Andrew Jackson on January 29, 1851; and

Whereas, the commissioners, as named in the Act of 1851, were William H. Bryson, Elihu Coward, Charles Bumgarner, William Tatham, Wesley W. Enloe, William R. Crawford, and Mark Coleman; and

Whereas, the people of Jackson County have had the privilege to count among its citizens, Dr. John R. Brinkley, Congressman David Hall, industrialist C.J. Harris, State Senator Gertrude Dills McKee, educator Robert L. Madison, Governor Dan K. Moore, Judge Walter Moore, journalist John Parris, Judge Lacy Thornburg, and State Senator William H. Thomas; and

Whereas, the county is noted for the diversity of its people, being home to members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, African-Americans, Hispanics, Scots-Irish, German, English descendants, and other people representing a national and global heritage; and

Whereas, the people of Jackson County have always demonstrated a willingness and desire to serve in the country's defense, whether during peacetime or in times of conflict, and witnessed many of its sons and daughters give their lives to protect and defend the nation; and

Whereas, the county has a long history of educational development, including support by the citizenry of a system of public schools, of Southwestern Community College, and of Western Carolina University, the latter of which is now in the 112<sup>th</sup> year of its operation; and

Whereas, the people of the county have supported a regional hospital and sought to address health concerns; and

Whereas, Jackson County was possessed with natural resources and an industrious population that supported farming, lumber and paper industries, tree farming, mining, textile mills, and tourism; and

Whereas, Jackson County has been blessed with natural beauty, which has provided for tourism as well as the enjoyment of the county's residents; and

Whereas, the people of the county have sought to preserve the culture of the mountains through music, literature, art, history, and celebrations; and

Whereas, the citizens of Jackson County wish to honor the generations of the past who built the county, as well as the present generation which endeavors to continue the work to "secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity"; and

Whereas, the people of Jackson County wish to celebrate and share their rich historical heritage, cultural diversity, and natural beauty; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the founders of the County of Jackson and extends its sincere congratulations and best wishes to the County of Jackson upon the County's sesquicentennial anniversary.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the county commissioners of the County of Jackson.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives