

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1476

Sponsors: Senators Plyler and Purcell.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

July 29, 2002

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF J.W. MARSH ON THE
2 OCCASION OF THE TOWN OF MARSHVILLE'S ONE HUNDRED
3 TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, the Town of Marshville, located in eastern Union County, was
5 initially known as Beaver Dam; and

6 Whereas, the Town was originally inhabited by the Waxhaw Indians but by
7 the 1750s, was also home to settlers from England, Germany, Wales, Scotland, and the
8 State of Pennsylvania; and

9 Whereas, the Town developed around the Central Carolina Railroad depot
10 site, which enabled the Town to later emerge as a leading regional cotton market and
11 agricultural center; and

12 Whereas, the Town was incorporated as Griffinsville on February 12, 1877;
13 and

14 Whereas, J.W. Marsh and his family, Town proprietors and landowners,
15 donated land for the construction of the first church, which was built in 1888; and

16 Whereas, by 1900, the Marsh family had also donated land for a Town Hall,
17 school, and two additional churches; and

18 Whereas, the Town was renamed Marshville on May 11, 1895, in honor of
19 the Marsh family; and

20 Whereas, the Town continued to grow and prosper and by the late 1920s had
21 attracted poultry and lumber businesses to the area; and

22 Whereas, much of the Town's economy centers around the production of
23 turkeys, eggs, soybeans, corn, milo, swine, broilers, and beef; and

24 Whereas, the Town is home to a number of well-known businesses, including
25 the Pilgrim's Pride Poultry Processing Plant, Edwards Wood Products, Carolina Wood
26 Products, and Rebel Lumber Companies; and

27 Whereas, in 1985, a portion of the Town's downtown area served as a film
28 location for the motion picture, "The Color Purple"; and

29 Whereas, in 2000, the Town had a population of 2,360 people; and

1 Whereas, for 125 years, the Town, known as the "Heartland of the Carolinas",
2 has made significant contributions to the social and economic prosperity of the State of
3 North Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of J.W. Marsh for
6 the contributions he made to the development of the Town of Marshville.

7 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates the Town of Marshville
8 on its 125th anniversary and encourages the citizens of this State to join the Town in
9 celebrating this special occasion.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
11 resolution to the Mayor of the Town of Marshville.

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