

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 689**

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Sponsors: Senators Plyler, Purcell, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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March 26, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF THE CITY OF  
2 RAEFORD ON THE CITY'S ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

3       Whereas, in 1885, John McRae and A.A. Williford, owners of a store and  
4 turpentine distillery, applied to run a post office in the central part of what is known  
5 today as Hoke County; and

6       Whereas, the name chosen for the post office was "Raeford", a combination  
7 of John McRae's and A.A. Williford's names; and

8       Whereas, in 1889, Dr. A.P. Dickson and his wife, along with J.W.  
9 McLauchlin and others established a school known as the Raeford Institute; and

10       Whereas, the Raeford Presbyterian and Raeford Baptist Churches were built  
11 in 1899 and the Raeford Methodist Church was built in 1900; and

12       Whereas, during this time, a number of businesses were established and more  
13 people moved into the area; and

14       Whereas, the Town of Raeford was incorporated by the General Assembly on  
15 February 22, 1901; and

16       Whereas, the Town's first officers were B.F. Moore, Mayor, and J.W.  
17 McLauchlin, Neill McGill, Daniel MacKethan, J.W. Johnson, and Neill S. Blue,  
18 commissioners; and

19       Whereas, the Town became a city in 1973; and

20       Whereas, the City of Raeford has grown from 150 people to more than 4,200;  
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22       Whereas, the City of Raeford is known for its textile and lumber products and  
23 poultry processing industry; and

24       Whereas, the citizens of the City of Raeford have been actively planning  
25 celebrations to commemorate its centennial; Now, therefore,

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

27       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of the founders of  
28 the City of Raeford and congratulates the City on its one hundredth anniversary.

- 1           **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
2 resolution to the Mayor of the City of Raeford.  
3           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.