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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR80411-LG-211 (06/26)

Sponsors: Representatives Bradley and Bryant (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF LOUISBURG COLLEGE ON
2 THE OCCASION OF THE COLLEGE'S TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIFTH
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, Louisburg College is located in the Town of Louisburg in Franklin
5 County; and

6 Whereas, Louisburg College is the oldest two-year residential college and the oldest
7 two-year Methodist college in the nation; and

8 Whereas, Louisburg College is the only two-year residential college in North
9 Carolina; and

10 Whereas, Louisburg College developed from three earlier institutions, the Franklin
11 Male Academy, the Louisburg Female Academy, and Louisburg Female College; and

12 Whereas, the Franklin Male Academy was chartered on January 6, 1787, as a result
13 of legislation introduced by Senator Henry Hill of Franklin County; and

14 Whereas, the Franklin Male Academy opened on January 1, 1805, and was later led
15 by principals that included Matthew Dickinson, John B. Bobbitt, Charles Applewhite Hill, and
16 Matthew S. Davis; and

17 Whereas, the Louisburg Female Academy was chartered by the General Assembly
18 on December 27, 1814; and

19 Whereas, several years later, the General Assembly authorized the transfer of the
20 property by the trustees of the Louisburg Female Academy to the directors of the Louisburg
21 Female College Company in 1855; and

22 Whereas, Louisburg College opened under the leadership of Professor James P.
23 Nelson in August of 1857; and

24 Whereas, some of the early presidents of Louisburg College included Dr. Turner
25 Myrick Jones, S.D. Bagley, Matthew S. Davis, and Mary Davis Allen; and

26 Whereas, in 1891 Washington Duke of Durham, North Carolina, bought the College
27 for \$5,450, and in 1907 his son, Benjamin N. Duke, donated the College to the North Carolina
28 Conference of the United Methodist Church; and

29 Whereas, Louisburg College has continued to prosper and educate students during
30 its 225 years, attracting students from 42 states and 15 countries; and

31 Whereas, today Louisburg College has over 700 students and nearly 14,000 alumni;
32 and

33 Whereas, over 90 percent of the graduates of Louisburg College continue their
34 education at four-year institutions; and

35 Whereas, Louisburg College has produced nationally recognized sports teams,
36 especially in baseball and basketball; and



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1 Whereas, in four different centuries, students from Louisburg College have excelled
2 in many areas of life, including business, government, politics, education, sports, and the
3 military; Now, therefore,

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors those who have played a role
6 in the success of Louisburg College and joins the administration, faculty, students, alumni,
7 Town of Louisburg, and the County of Franklin in celebrating the 225th anniversary of
8 Louisburg College.

9 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
10 to the President of Louisburg College.

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