

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011**

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**HOUSE BILL 286\***

Short Title: Official Herring Festival. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative E. Warren (Primary Sponsor).  
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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March 10, 2011

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT ADOPTING THE HERRING FESTIVAL HELD IN THE TOWN OF  
2 JAMESVILLE AS THE OFFICIAL HERRING FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH  
3 CAROLINA.  
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5 Whereas, since 1949 the Town of Jamesville in Martin County has held an annual  
6 Herring Festival each spring; and

7 Whereas, the Herring Festival is a vital fundraiser for the Town of Jamesville,  
8 Jamesville Fire Department, Jamesville Rescue Department, Jamesville Ruritan Club, and  
9 many local businesses and residents; and

10 Whereas, the Herring Festival serves as a celebration of the heritage that was once  
11 an important way of life in the area; and

12 Whereas, the Herring Festival offers visitors many family-oriented activities, such  
13 as a parade, arts and crafts, rides, games, live music, and local foods and traditions; and

14 Whereas, each year, citizens in the area demonstrate their community pride by  
15 volunteering to make the festival a success; Now, therefore,  
16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
18 section to read:

19 "**§ 145-33. State herring festival.**

20 The Herring Festival held in the Town of Jamesville is adopted as the official herring  
21 festival of the State of North Carolina."

22 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

