

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1232**

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June 28, 2012

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



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

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

6 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

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

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

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