

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1991**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1308**

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Sponsors: Representative Flaherty.

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Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

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July 4, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOSEPH CALDWELL  
2 AND COLONEL WILLIAM LENOIR ON THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF  
3 CALDWELL COUNTY.

4       Whereas, Caldwell County is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 1991; and

5       Whereas, Caldwell County was formed from Burke and Wilkes Counties in  
6 1841; and

7       Whereas, Caldwell County was named in honor of Joseph Caldwell, the first  
8 president of the University of North Carolina; and

9       Whereas, some of the early inhabitants of Caldwell County nicknamed the  
10 area they settled as "The Happy Valley" because of its beautiful terrain; and

11       Whereas, the early settlers of Caldwell County included Germans, Scotch-  
12 Irish, and English from Virginia and Pennsylvania and their slaves from Africa; and

13       Whereas, these settlers were hunters, farmers, and crafts people; and

14       Whereas, one of Caldwell County's most notable residents was Colonel  
15 William Lenoir, a revolutionary war hero, who was a successful farmer, served as  
16 president of the Council of State, a member of both the State Senate and House of  
17 Representatives, and the first president of the board of trustees of the University of  
18 North Carolina; and

19       Whereas, Caldwell County grew from an agricultural community to an  
20 industrialized one; and

21       Whereas, today Caldwell County produces poultry, dairy products, hogs,  
22 furniture, apparel, textiles, hosiery, mirrors, pianos, and gravel; and

1           Whereas, most of the people of Caldwell County are honest, hardworking,  
2 and loyal citizens;

3 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

4           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Joseph Caldwell  
5 and the memory of Colonel William Lenoir, and joins the citizens of Caldwell County  
6 in celebrating its sesquicentennial.

7           Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
8 to the Caldwell County Board of County Commissioners.

9           Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.