

By: Senator(s) Huggins

To: Rules

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 84

1 A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE CITY OF NORTH CARROLLTON,
2 MISSISSIPPI, UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

3 WHEREAS, North Carrollton, Mississippi, originally was a
4 community called Rathbone which sprang up around a railroad laid
5 by Georgia Pacific in the 1880's; and

6 WHEREAS, a small railroad town when it was created a century
7 ago, North Carrollton is located across the bridge from
8 Carrollton, a town which was started in 1834, and which was
9 located uphill of the creek; and

10 WHEREAS, the track was laid and the Columbus & Greenville
11 Railroad decided to build its depot in the flatlands a mile north
12 of Carrollton; and

13 WHEREAS, at one time several passenger trains passed through
14 daily, and freight trains still run through North Carrollton each
15 day; and

16 WHEREAS, in the earlier part of this century, North
17 Carrollton was also known as a center for horse and mule trading;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, by the time it was incorporated, the population of
20 North Carrollton numbered 150 inhabitants, according to the
21 original residents' petition for incorporation to the Governor;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, North Carrollton was officially incorporated on
24 March 31, 1899; and

25 WHEREAS, North Carrollton has seen many changes over the
26 course of this century: the pioneering Billups Petroleum Company

27 got its start there; the CCC had a camp at North Carrollton; the
28 town once had a one-room schoolhouse; and fine dining was
29 available at the Dean Hotel; and

30 WHEREAS, although the train whistles are less frequent and
31 the stores, gins, oil mill, hotel and livery stables that rose and
32 thrived in the early decades are all gone, the quiet little town
33 of nearly 600 residents didn't suffer the same fate as some
34 communities from the loss of the passenger trains; shops and banks
35 still line its business district and churches and schools remain
36 an integral part of a vital community; and

37 WHEREAS, there is no longer much resemblance to the original
38 town, with its muddy dirt road through the business district which
39 had an artisan well in the middle with troughs for watering mules
40 and horses; and

41 WHEREAS, a biracial committee was appointed to prepare for
42 this momentous occasion; and

43 WHEREAS, the anniversary will be observed on Saturday, April
44 3rd, in order to be as inclusive as possible and allow as many of
45 North Carrollton's citizens and friends to attend as possible; and

46 WHEREAS, many activities are planned by the committee
47 overseeing the centennial celebration; and

48 WHEREAS, the 100th birthday party will begin with a parade at
49 10:00 a.m., with opening ceremonies at 11:00 a.m. and a street
50 festival, which will close at 4:00 p.m.; and

51 WHEREAS, merchants, churches and citizens are sprucing up the
52 town for the big day and preparing for special sidewalk sales,
53 bake sales and other food sales, along with refreshments provided
54 by the town and various entertainment acts; and

55 WHEREAS, elementary school-aged children will participate in
56 a mass balloon release, and every single citizen of North
57 Carrollton who is 80 or more years of age has been specially
58 invited to ride in the parade; and

59 WHEREAS, despite the changes of the past 100 years, North
60 Carrollton still bustles with activity; and

61 WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mississippi State Senate to
62 congratulate the Town of North Carrollton on the occasion of its
63 100th anniversary:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI STATE
65 SENATE, That we do hereby congratulate the Town of North
66 Carrollton as it commemorates its 100th anniversary and extend our
67 best wishes for the success of the centennial celebration as we
68 look forward with great expectations to the achievements to be
69 attained by North Carrollton in the next century of its existence.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be
71 presented to Mayor Sarah Grantham.