

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. RES. 298

Commending the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, for holding a 3-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette, and recognizing that the City of Fayetteville is where North Carolina celebrates the birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 2, 2007

Mrs. DOLE (for herself and Mr. BURR) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Commending the City of Fayetteville, North Carolina, for holding a 3-day celebration of the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette, and recognizing that the City of Fayetteville is where North Carolina celebrates the birthday of the Marquis de Lafayette.

Whereas the Marquis de Lafayette, born on September 6, 1757, is considered a national hero in both France and the United States for his participation in the American and French revolutions, and is 1 of only 6 Honorary Citizens of the United States;

Whereas the Marquis de Lafayette served heroically and with distinction during the American Revolution, both as a general and as a diplomat, offering his services as an unpaid volunteer;

Whereas the first battle the Marquis de Lafayette fought in the American Revolution was at Brandywine, where he fought courageously and was wounded;

Whereas the Marquis de Lafayette also served with distinction in various other engagements, including the surrender of the British army at Yorktown;

Whereas, in 1783, the 2 colonial villages of Cross Creek and Campbellton were merged by the legislature of North Carolina and named Fayetteville, North Carolina;

Whereas Fayetteville, North Carolina, was the first city in the United States named for the Marquis de Lafayette, and the only city named for him that he actually visited;

Whereas, in 1789, the General Assembly and constitutional convention met in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where delegates ratified the United States Constitution, chartered the University of North Carolina, and ceded the western lands of the State to form the State of Tennessee;

Whereas during the tour of the United States taken by the Marquis de Lafayette as "The Guest of the Nation," the Marquis was entertained in Fayetteville on March 4 and 5, 1825, by leading citizens of the State and community of Fayetteville, including Governor Hutchins G. Burton;

Whereas, on the death of the Marquis de Lafayette in 1834, the City of Fayetteville held a large memorial service with an eloquent eulogium on his character and services;

Whereas, in 1983, on the bicentennial of the naming of Fayetteville, the Lafayette Society and the great-great grandson of the Marquis de Lafayette, Count Rene de Chambrun, unveiled a statue of General Lafayette in the Downtown Historic District; and

Whereas the city of Fayetteville, North Carolina, will hold 3 days of celebration from September 6 through 8, 2007 to honor the 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de Lafayette: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) commends the City of Fayetteville, North
3 Carolina, for holding a 3-day celebration of the
4 250th anniversary of the birth of the Marquis de
5 Lafayette; and

6 (2) recognizes that the great City of Fayette-
7 ville is where North Carolina celebrates the birthday
8 of the Marquis de Lafayette.

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