



A REPRESENTATIVE STATEMENT CONGRATULATING THE TOWN OF APEX ON ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex, located in Wake County, grew from the establishment of the Christian Home Church, which was founded in 1866. After the completion of the Chatham Railroad in 1868, this 31-mile track from Raleigh to Haywood (now Moncure) positioned Apex's Depot as the cooling location for the trains at the "apex of the grade," giving the Town its name; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Apex was incorporated by an act of the General Assembly on February 28, 1873; and

WHEREAS, Apex's first Town Hall was constructed in 1912. The facility housed the mayor, public safety, a jail, a local court, an open market and trading center, and an opera house. The original town hall serves the Apex community as The Halle Cultural Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, at that time of incorporation, Apex was one-mile square. In 1960, the Town expanded its town limits for the first time with two annexations, adding 800 acres; and

WHEREAS, at the turn of the century, Apex had a population of approximately 349. By 1990, the population had grown to 5,000 and today that number is an estimated 75,000; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Money Magazine named Apex as the "Best Place to Live" in its ranking of small towns; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the Town of Apex's 150th anniversary and its citizens have been actively preparing for a yearlong celebration to commemorate Apex's sesquicentennial anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is fitting to congratulate the citizens of the Town of Apex on the Town's 150th anniversary and to join its citizens in observing this historic occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned certifies that the foregoing statement was read in the House and placed upon the Journal on the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Submitted by Representative Julie von Haefen

House Principal Clerk