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HOUSE BILL DRH40181-TQ-23

Short Title: Adopt State Poultry Festival. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Dixon.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ADOPT THE NORTH CAROLINA POULTRY JUBILEE AS THE OFFICIAL
3 POULTRY FESTIVAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, Rose Hill has been the home of the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee since
5 1963; and

6 Whereas, Rose Hill in Duplin County is the headquarters of one of the nation's largest
7 poultry companies, House of Raeford Farms, Inc., and home to the world's largest functional
8 frying pan, famous for being able to hold 200 gallons of cooking oil and cook 365 whole birds
9 at one time; and

10 Whereas, Duplin County is the number one poultry-producing county in North
11 Carolina; and

12 Whereas, the two-day North Carolina Poultry Jubilee held in the first weekend of
13 November of each year celebrates and promotes North Carolina's poultry industry, including all
14 poultry products produced in the State and all of the people who make it one of North Carolina's
15 top industries; and

16 Whereas, the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee includes live entertainment, a pageant, a
17 parade, a carnival, craft and food vendors, and mouthwatering fried chicken, and attracts more
18 than 8,000 visitors each year; and

19 Whereas, proceeds from the Jubilee are used to support many worthwhile local
20 charities; and

21 Whereas, the North Carolina Poultry Jubilee has always been known as a celebration
22 of an industry, a people, and a way of life that helps keep North Carolina economically strong
23 and a wonderful place to live, work, and play; Now, therefore,
24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

25 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
26 section to read:

27 **"§ 145-52. State poultry festival.**

28 The North Carolina Poultry Jubilee, held during the first full weekend of November of each
29 year in the town of Rose Hill, is adopted as the official poultry festival of the State of North
30 Carolina."

31 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

