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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

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Mr. HUDSON: **Mr. SPEAKER**, it is with great pride that I rise today to commemorate the 240th anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Meck Dec Day marks a defining moment in our nation's history when brave North Carolinians—united by their common pursuit of freedom—stepped forward to become the very first Americans to declare independence from the tyrannical crown of Great Britain. This courageous act of defiance paved the way for the establishment of the United States of America and our great experiment in democracy.

North Carolina's bold leaders and citizens resisted British occupation during the Revolutionary War, prompting British Commander General Cornwallis to describe our fearless city as "a hornet's nest of rebellion." It's in this spirit that our community continues to stand for liberty, justice and freedom.

I am so proud of our heritage and for the leadership that the State of North Carolina continues to provide this great nation.

Mr. SPEAKER, on this historic anniversary, I want to congratulate the city of Charlotte and all North Carolinians. I welcome each and every one of my colleagues to join us in celebrating this important moment in our history and the great North Carolinians who risked everything to lay claim to our rights and freedom.

RICHARD HUDSON
Member of Congress