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ROCK HILL, S.C. - The S.C. General Assembly recognized Winthrop University in May with a resolution for celebrating its 125th anniversary this year.

The resolution recounts Winthrop’s beginnings in 1886 when the founding president David Bancroft Johnson received an appropriation to establish a school for young teachers for the public schools. In 1891, the S.C. General Assembly established the South Carolina Industrial and Winthrop Normal College and took offers from towns aspiring to become home to the college. Rock Hill was awarded the bid, and classes began in 1895.

The resolution continues with highlights of the school’s history and praises the school's current and ninth president, Anthony DiGiorgio, for fostering an educational reputation with 100 percent national accreditation of eligible academic programs.

It concludes: “That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, celebrate the occasion of the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Winthrop University, and congratulate and commend President Anthony DiGiorgio, the board of trustees, the faculty and staff, and the student body for a century and a quarter of producing educators in South Carolina.”

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