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Subject: SJR 256 Pardon Governor Holden

Senator Gunn,

On behalf of the Caswell County Historical Association and their Board of Directors,

I will immediately bring to your attention SJR 256 - Pardon Governor William Woods Holden.

This resolution contains false facts that put Caswell County to shame. This resolution puts

to ease Governor Holdens wrongs imposed on my county in the year 1870 during the

Kirk-Holden War. Holden suspended the writ of Habeas Corpus to Caswell's citizens

and held many of them in captivity in the Caswell County Courthouse. He hired a

band of illegal renegade soldiers to pull off the rebellion in Caswell. He never truly convicted

anyone of being a member in the Ku Klux Klan and caused more harm than resistance

to the events that led him to send soldiers to Alamance and Caswell. As stated in the resolution,

that he "send state militia" to Alamance and Caswell, this is entirely an incorrect statement

and puts my county to shame as if we were in the wrong. It is disgraceful to hear that a pardon

is intended to be granted to Governor William Woods Holden, because citizens that understand

the events that happened here in 1870 do not wish to pardon such a man.

As our Senator, it is your job to voice the true facts that happened in Caswell. Speak on our

behalf tomorrow and either object it from a vote or make an amendment to correct its

false facts. If you allow this resolution to pass without voiceing the truth as our representative

from both the counties that the resolution applies to, you will condemn Caswell's history

on the state level and put us all to shame and glorify Governor Holden,
making rights

truly wrongs. If it passes, It will be my mission to repeal the
resolution and teach the truth

about the events that led to the removal and impeachment of Governor
Holden. I will be

watching in the Senate tommorrow and await your remarks.

I am and will remain, a truly devoted constituent,

Andrew Sterling Carter
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