

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1227*

Sponsors: Representatives Sherrill, Nesbitt, Cansler; Beall, R. Hunter, and Ramsey.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

May 12, 1997

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF GORDON
2 HICKS GREENWOOD, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood was born in Black Mountain, North
4 Carolina, on July 3, 1909, to James Hicks Greenwood and Louella Ray Greenwood; and

5 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood was a member of the first graduating
6 class of Biltmore College, which later became the University of North Carolina at
7 Asheville, graduating on May 30, 1930; and

8 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood attended North Carolina State
9 University, where he played football for one year; and

10 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood received a bachelor of arts degree in
11 journalism from the University of Illinois in 1941, and continued his education at the
12 University of London in 1945; and

13 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood married Garnet Elizabeth Carder on
14 March 8, 1941; and

15 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood served in the United States Army from
16 1943 through 1945 in the European Theater of Operations as a psychologist in an army
17 hospital's psychiatric unit; and

18 Whereas, in 1946, Gordon Hicks Greenwood and his wife, Garnet, bought
19 and published the Black Mountain News, which he continued to operate until 1967; and

20 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood served as director of admissions and
21 assistant to the President at Montreat College in Buncombe County from 1973 to 1976;
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1 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood also served as an assistant professor of
2 journalism at Boston University and as the manager of the New England Press
3 Association; and

4 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood rendered distinguished service to the
5 State of North Carolina as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives,
6 serving from 1959 through 1966 and from 1972 through 1992; and

7 Whereas, the State's community college system owes tremendous gratitude to
8 Gordon Hicks Greenwood who in 1963 introduced a bill that resulted in the creation of
9 the State's community college system; and

10 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood was instrumental in establishing a State-
11 owned cemetery for veterans in the Town of Black Mountain; and

12 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood's other political involvement included
13 service on the Black Mountain Town Board and the Buncombe County Board of
14 County Commissioners, of which he also served as chair; and

15 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood contributed to his community through
16 his service on numerous civic, business, and veterans organizations, including the Black
17 Mountain Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and the American Legion; and

18 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood was the original organizer of the
19 Western North Carolina Development Association and served on the Board of Directors
20 of the Asheville-Buncombe Technical College and of the University of North Carolina
21 at Asheville; and

22 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood was an active member of the Black
23 Mountain United Methodist Church, serving on the Official Board; and

24 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood received numerous awards and
25 recognitions, including the North Carolina Commissioner of the Year in 1971, and the
26 Outstanding Alumnus from the University of North Carolina at Asheville in 1981; and

27 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood died on February 16, 1997, at the age of
28 87, leaving two sons, G. Gordon Greenwood and Rick Greenwood, and three
29 grandchildren; and

30 Whereas, Gordon Hicks Greenwood was a respected statesman, a devoted
31 family man, and an individual highly dedicated to the advancement of his community;
32 and

33 Whereas, the General Assembly, in warm memory and admiration, wishes to
34 recognize the contributions of Gordon Hicks Greenwood to the well-being and
35 betterment of Buncombe County, Western North Carolina, and the entire State; Now,
36 therefore,

37 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

38 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Gordon Hicks
39 Greenwood and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its
40 citizens for his life and service to North Carolina.

41 Section 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family
42 of Gordon Hicks Greenwood for the loss of its distinguished member.

43 Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
44 resolution to the family of Gordon Hicks Greenwood.

1 Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.