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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1451

Sponsors: Representatives Smith, Grady, Preston; and Barefoot.

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

May 15, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF
2 LIEUTENANT GENERAL JOHN ARCHER LEJEUNE AND SUPPORTING THE
3 MARINE CORPS MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS.

4 Whereas, John Archer Lejeune was born on January 10, 1867, in Pointe
5 Coupee, Louisiana; and

6 Whereas, John Archer Lejeune served with honor and distinction in the
7 Marine Corps for more than 40 years, serving aboard navy ships, taking part in several
8 military campaigns, commanding the United States Marine Corps Second Division
9 during World War I, serving as Major General Commandant of the Marine Corps from
10 1920 to 1929, and serving as Superintendent of the Virginia Military Institute from 1929
11 to 1937; and

12 Whereas, John Archer Lejeune was promoted to Lieutenant General in
13 February of 1942; and

14 Whereas, John Archer Lejeune died on November 20, 1942; and

15 Whereas, Camp Lejeune, home of the Marine Corps Second Division in
16 Jacksonville, is named for John Archer Lejeune; and

17 Whereas, there is strong community support in Onslow County to build the
18 Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas in Jacksonville to honor the men and women
19 who have followed in the footsteps of John Archer Lejeune; and

20 Whereas, the museum will promote the Marine Corps ongoing presence in
21 North Carolina and South Carolina; and

22 Whereas, the museum will feature exhibits that honor the people who donated
23 their land for the establishment of Marine Corps bases and stations in the Carolinas; and

24 Whereas, the museum will display the contributions made by Carolina
25 marines during all wars, military campaigns, and peacekeeping missions from World
26 War II to the present; and

27 Whereas, the museum will serve as a research center and as a facility for
28 community activities and will provide data regarding the role of women marines, canine
29 units, and the Montford Point Marines, who were the first African-American marines,
30 trained at Camp Lejeune; Now, therefore,

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

2 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of
3 Lieutenant General John Archer Lejeune and supports establishing the Marine Corps
4 Museum of the Carolinas.

5 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
6 resolution to the President of the Board of the Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas.

7 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.