

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1106

Sponsors: Senators Jordan, Soles, Ballantine, and Albertson.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

October 2, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING BENJAMIN DAVID "B. D." SCHWARTZ,
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Benjamin David "B. D." Schwartz was born in Chrask, Poland, on
4 January 17, 1909, to Louis Schwartz and Annie Rulhick Schwartz; and

5 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz and his family moved to Wilmington, North
6 Carolina, in 1913; and

7 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz graduated from the University of North Carolina at
8 Chapel Hill in 1929; and

9 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz married Sylvia Wolk on June 3, 1931; and

10 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz was the owner and operator of the Home Furniture
11 Store in Wilmington for almost 40 years and was a founding member and the first
12 president of the Wilmington Furniture Dealers Association; and

13 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz served his community in many capacities, notably
14 as a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington Merchants Association,
15 Kiwanis, and Elks; and

16 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz was a founding member and one of the leaders of
17 the Committee of 100, which brought new industry to Wilmington after the closing of
18 the Atlantic Coastline Railroad offices; and

19 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz served as the Mayor of Wilmington and Mayor Pro
20 Tempore; and

21 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz served with honor and distinction in the General
22 Assembly as a member of the House of Representatives in the 1973, 1975, and 1977
23 Sessions and as a member of the Senate in the 1979 Session; and

24 Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, B. D. Schwartz helped establish
25 centers for autistic children in Wilmington, Asheville, and Charlotte; and

26 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz supported education and served as a charter
27 member of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington Foundation, as an original
28 member of the Board of Trustees of the University, and as chair of the Board of
29 Trustees during his final term; and

1 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz and his wife, Sylvia, established a fellowship for
2 students pursuing higher degrees in education at the University; and

3 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz's commitment to the University was recognized
4 when a campus residence hall was named in his honor; and

5 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz received other honors and recognitions, including
6 the Outstanding Community Service Award from the North Carolina Human Relations
7 Commission in 1972 and the Good Citizenship Award from the Wilmington Civitan
8 Club, which he shared with his wife, in 1993; and

9 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz was an active member of the B'nai Israel
10 Synagogue and served as a participant and chair of the United Jewish Appeal; and

11 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz died on July 11, 2001; and

12 Whereas, B. D. Schwartz is survived by his son, Mel Schwartz, his daughter,
13 Maxine Schwartz Seller, six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; Now,
14 therefore,

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

16 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Benjamin David
17 "B. D." Schwartz and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the
18 service he rendered.

19 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the
20 family of Benjamin David "B. D." Schwartz for the loss of a beloved father,
21 grandfather, and great-grandfather.

22 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
23 resolution to the family of Benjamin David "B. D." Schwartz.

24 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.