

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1107**

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

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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October 3, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF WILLIAM  
2 GREY SMITH, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3       Whereas, William Grey Smith was born in Goldsboro on January 3, 1922, to  
4 Walter G. Smith and Eloise Price Smith; and

5       Whereas, William Grey Smith obtained his education from Tarboro High  
6 School, Wake Forest College, and the Law School at the University of North Carolina at  
7 Chapel Hill; and

8       Whereas, William Grey Smith practiced law for 44 years in New Hanover  
9 County; and

10       Whereas, William Grey Smith donated time and expertise to his profession,  
11 serving as a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina State  
12 Bar, the American Bar Association, the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, the  
13 American Judicature Society, the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Board of  
14 Governors for the North Carolina Trial Lawyers, and as President of the New Hanover  
15 County Bar Association; and

16       Whereas, William Grey Smith served with honor and distinction in the  
17 General Assembly as a member of the Senate during the 1975 and 1977 Sessions and  
18 served on numerous committees, including Finance and Judiciary; and

19       Whereas, William Grey Smith served on the General Statutes Commission,  
20 the Courts Commission, and the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women; and

21       Whereas, William Grey Smith worked diligently for the good of his  
22 community, actively supporting many causes and organizations; and

23       Whereas, William Grey Smith was a good man who loved his church and  
24 served it well as both a Sunday school teacher and a board member; and

25       Whereas, William Grey Smith served his country as a corporal in the army  
26 from March 1944 to October 1945, serving in the European Theater and receiving the  
27 Purple Heart; and

28       Whereas, William Grey Smith died on January 24, 1994; and

1           Whereas, William Grey Smith is survived by his wife Helen Grey Smith, his  
2 children, Walter Smith, Julia Smith Capone, and Bobbie Smith Foster, and his  
3 grandchildren, Justin Capone, Maggie Capone, Dawn Eller, Kelley Smith, Jack Foster,  
4 and Andrew Foster; Now, therefore,

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

6           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of William Grey  
7 Smith and expresses its appreciation and gratitude for the public service he rendered to  
8 his community and this State.

9           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deep and sincere sympathy  
10 to the family of William Grey Smith for the loss of a beloved family member.

11           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
12 resolution to the family of William Grey Smith.

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