

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

**SESSION 2009
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2010-17
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1301**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF W. HORACE CARTER, PULITZER PRIZE WINNING PUBLISHER.

Whereas, W. Horace Carter was born on January 20, 1921, in Stanly County, to Walter Raleigh Carter and Waulena Florence Lowder Carter; and

Whereas, after high school, W. Horace Carter enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he majored in journalism and served as editor of the university's newspaper during his senior year; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter's college education was briefly interrupted during World War II when he served in the United States Navy as a member of the Scouts and Raiders and amphibious forces achieving the rank of Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class; and

Whereas, upon graduation from college, W. Horace Carter moved to Tabor City, North Carolina, and worked for the newly established Tabor City Merchants Association; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter soon after established The Tabor City Tribune newspaper publishing its first edition on July 6, 1946; and

Whereas, in 1953, W. Horace Carter was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious Public Service, an honor shared with The News Reporter of Whiteville for a four-year investigation of the Ku Klux Klan that resulted in several members of the Ku Klux Klan being sent to prison and owing fines; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter also played a role in establishing several other newspapers which he later sold including the Myrtle Beach Sun, The Conway Herald, and The Loris Sentinel; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter founded Atlantic Corp., the parent company of the Tabor-Loris Tribune (formerly known as The Tabor City Tribune); and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter retired from his company in 1974 and handed over the leadership to his son, Rusty Carter; and

Whereas, during his retirement, W. Horace Carter found time to write several books and magazine articles; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter received numerous honors and recognitions for his many good deeds, including the North Carolina Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, Tabor City Man of the Year Award, Distinguished Service Award from the National Editorial Association, and the North Carolina Press Association Certificate of Merit as well as honorary doctorate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Campbell University, and Coastal Carolina University; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter was named "one of the 100 persons who made the greatest impact on the lives of the people of North Carolina in the 20th century" by the Raleigh News and Observer and "one of the 2,000 most outstanding writers of the 20th century" from an international organization; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter was also honored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill when an endowed professorship was established in his honor in 2007 at the School of Journalism and Mass Communications; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter was married to Lucille Miller for 37 years, who was his partner in the founding of the Tabor City Tribune and the many crusades that followed and was the mother of their three children; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter died on September 16, 2009, at the age of 88; and

Whereas, W. Horace Carter is survived by his wife, Linda Duncan Carter; a son, Rusty Carter; two daughters, Linda Carter Metzger and Velda Carter Hughes; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; Now, therefore,



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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of W. Horace Carter and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for his many accomplishments and contributions to journalism.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family of W. Horace Carter for the loss of a beloved family member.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of W. Horace Carter.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 2010.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives