

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1463

Sponsors: Senators Jacumin; and Blue.

Referred to: Calendar 7-9-10.

July 8, 2010

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOHN ARTHUR
2 FORLINES, JR., FORMER BANKER.

3 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was born on January 8, 1918, in Graham, North
4 Carolina, to John A. Forlines Sr., and Nancy Hutchens Forlines; and

5 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. grew up in the City of Durham and graduated
6 from Duke University in 1939; and

7 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. served in the United States Army from 1940 to
8 1946, where he was assigned to the finance department and achieved the rank of major; and

9 Whereas, after his service in the army, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. returned to Durham,
10 where he served as Secretary-Treasurer for Dailey's Inc.; and

11 Whereas, in 1954, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. moved to Granite Falls, North Carolina,
12 to take over the leadership of the Bank of Granite; and

13 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. led the bank for 52 years, turning the institution
14 into one of the most lucrative community banks in the nation; and

15 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. proudly served his profession as President of the
16 North Carolina Bankers Association and was inducted into the North Carolina Business Hall of
17 Fame in 1999 and the North Carolina Bankers Hall of Fame in 2001; and

18 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was loyal to his alma mater, serving two terms as
19 a trustee of Duke University, and as a member of the Duke University Management
20 Corporation, the Duke University Athletics Advisory Board, and as President of the Duke
21 University Half-Century Club; and

22 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. received numerous honors from Duke
23 University, including the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994 and the University Medal for
24 Distinguished Meritorious Service in 2008, which is the University's highest honor; and

25 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines was also honored by the Duke University Trustees
26 Emeriti, who named the University's alumni house, the John A. Forlines, Jr. Alumni House, in
27 2009; and

28 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. served his community and State in many
29 capacities, including serving on the Board of Caldwell County's Hospice and Palliative Care, an
30 organization that he helped to establish; President of the Catawba Valley Executive Club;
31 President of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce; Chair of the State Board of
32 Community Colleges from 1985 to 1990; and Chair of the Board of Trustees for Caldwell
33 Community College and Technical Institute from 1965 to 1984; and

34 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was recognized for many of his good deeds; he
35 received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2004, the National Hospice
36 Foundation's Volunteer of the Year Award in 1997, and the Lenoir Rhyne University Business
37 Leader of the Year Award in 1996, and he was the recipient of the Terry Sanford Lifetime
38 Achievement Award in 2002 and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2006; and



1 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was a member of the First Presbyterian Church
2 in Lenoir, where he served as an elder; and

3 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. died on July 6, 2010, at the age of 92; and

4 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Dunn
5 Forlines; and

6 Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. is survived by his children, Judith Tarlton, Joy
7 Crosby, John A. Forlines III, and Jane Forlines; grandchildren, Phillip Couch, Laurel Crosby,
8 John David Crosby, Megan Forlines, Molly Forlines, John A. Forlines IV, Justin Greenhill, and
9 Julia Greenhill; and a sister, Martha Forney; Now, therefore,

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of John Arthur Forlines,
12 Jr. and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered his
13 profession, community, State, and nation.

14 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
15 John Arthur Forlines, Jr. for the loss of a beloved family member.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 resolution to the family of John Arthur Forlines, Jr.

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