

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR15014-LG-32 (1/26)

Sponsors: Senator Swindell.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROGER BONE,
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Roger Bone was born in 1939 in Nash County to R. Winslow Bone and
4 the late Etna-Wayne Coppedge Bone; and

5 Whereas, Roger Bone graduated from North Carolina State University in 1961 with
6 a BS degree in Agricultural Business; and

7 Whereas, after college, Roger Bone began working for the Flue-Cured Tobacco
8 Stabilization Corporation, where he was an administrative assistant; and

9 Whereas, in 1968, Roger Bone became President of an International Harvester
10 tractor and farm-machinery dealership in Rocky Mount and later served as President of Bone
11 International, a used car dealership; and

12 Whereas, Roger Bone served one term in the North Carolina General Assembly
13 during the 1979 Session as a member of the House of Representatives, where he represented
14 Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson counties; and

15 Whereas, Roger Bone later served as a legislative assistant to Liston Ramsey,
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and as a government affairs assistant with the
17 Department of Community Colleges; and

18 Whereas, in 1987, Roger Bone established Bone and Associates, a governmental
19 relations firm, and successfully lobbied on behalf of many industries, including propane, pork
20 producers, community colleges, used automobiles, tobacco, adult-care homes, volunteer
21 firefighters, and pharmaceuticals; and

22 Whereas, Roger Bone was often ranked as one of the top three lobbyists in terms of
23 effectiveness and, in 2008, was recognized as the most influential lobbyist in the State by the
24 North Carolina Center for Public Policy; and

25 Whereas, Roger Bone was active in his community serving as President of the
26 Jaycees and Rotary Club; and

27 Whereas, Roger Bone also found time to serve on numerous boards and
28 organizations, including the Nash Community College Foundation Board, North Carolina 4-H
29 Development Fund Board, North Carolina State University Physical and Math Sciences
30 Foundation Board, North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, and the North
31 Carolina State University College of Agriculture & Life Sciences Board; and

32 Whereas, Roger Bone received many honors and awards for his good deeds
33 including the Distinguished Service Award given by the Rocky Mount Jaycees and, in 2008,
34 was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the State's highest award for public service; and

35 Whereas, Roger Bone died on January 25, 2009, at the age of 69; and

36 Whereas, Roger is survived by his wife of 44 years, Reba Batten Bone; a son,
37 Frederick Bone; two grandsons, Jacob and Caleb Bone; his father, R. Winslow Bone of



1 Nashville; brothers, Royce Bone and Michael Bone; and a sister, Mary Mansfield; Now,
2 therefore,
3 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:
4 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Roger Bone
5 and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered.
6 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
7 Roger Bone for the loss of a beloved family member.
8 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
9 resolution to the family of Roger Bone.
10 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.