

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 301*

Sponsors: Senator Shaw.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 25, 2009

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THEODORE JAMES
2 "TED" KINNEY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Theodore James "Ted" Kinney was born on January 9, 1932, to Russell
4 Kinney and Daisy Bethea Kinney in Clio, South Carolina; and

5 Whereas, Ted Kinney joined the United States Army after graduating from high
6 school, serving 21 years of active duty until his retirement in 1972; and

7 Whereas, after serving in the army, Ted Kinney obtained a realtor's license from
8 Lafayette College and earned a bachelor's degree from Shaw University in 1976; and

9 Whereas, Ted Kinney had a successful career as a realtor; and

10 Whereas, Ted Kinney became active in politics, serving as the Jesse Jackson
11 Presidential Campaign manager for Cumberland County in 1984 and as a North Carolina
12 Delegate at the National Democratic Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1988; and

13 Whereas, Ted Kinney rendered distinguished service to the State, serving in the
14 General Assembly as a member of the House of Representatives for terms in 1993, 1997, and
15 1999; and

16 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Ted Kinney made
17 contributions as Chair of the Committee on Military, Veterans, and Indian Affairs and the
18 Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and as a member of several other
19 committees, including Education and Transportation; and

20 Whereas, Ted Kinney worked for the betterment of his community, serving as
21 Executive Director of the Cape Fear Community Development Corporation, Chair of the
22 Fayetteville Human Services Commission, and Chair of the Greater Fayetteville Area United
23 Negro College Fund, and as a member of the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board and the
24 Fayetteville/Cumberland County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee; and

25 Whereas, Ted Kinney was a member of several professional and fraternal
26 organizations, including the North Carolina Association of Realtors, the Masons, the Elks, Phi
27 Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., American Legion Post 202, and VFW Post 6018; and

28 Whereas, Ted Kinney was a devoted member of John Wesley United Methodist
29 Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees; and

30 Whereas, Ted Kinney received numerous honors and awards for his good deeds,
31 including the WTVD Community Service Award in 1997, Legislator of the Year Award from
32 Operation Sickle Cell in 1994, the President's Career Service Award from Shaw University in
33 1993, and the Man of the Year Award from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., in 1985; and

34 Whereas, Ted Kinney died on November 2, 2008, leaving to cherish his memory his
35 wife, Thelma Hodges Kinney, and a son, Robert Fitzgerald Kinney; Now, therefore,

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



1 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Theodore James "Ted"
2 Kinney and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered
3 his community, State, and nation.

4 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its sympathy to the family of
5 Theodore James "Ted" Kinney for the loss of a beloved family member.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
7 resolution to the family of Theodore James "Ted" Kinney.

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