

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR75027-LG-7A\* (12/5)**

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Sponsors:    Senator Goss.

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Referred to:

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1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOHN WALTER  
2        BROWN, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF  
3        REPRESENTATIVES.

4            Whereas, John Walter Brown was born on September 12, 1918, in Wilkes County to  
5    James Walter and Nora Blackburn Brown; and

6            Whereas, John Walter Brown graduated from Traphill High School in Wilkes  
7    County and furthered his education by taking classes at Appalachian State University; and

8            Whereas, John Walter Brown became a farmer, raising cattle and poultry and  
9    producing tobacco in Wilkes County; and

10           Whereas, John Walter Brown also worked for 38 years at Chatham Manufacturing;  
11    and

12           Whereas, John Walter Brown was a member of the North Carolina Cattlemen's  
13    Association, Woodmen of the World, and the North Carolina Farm Bureau; and

14           Whereas, John Walter Brown served with honor and distinction as a member of the  
15    North Carolina House of Representatives for 13 terms between 1971 and ending in 2000; and

16           Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, John Walter Brown served six  
17    years as Chair of the Committee on Agriculture and made significant contributions as a  
18    member of several other committees, including Finance, State Government, Transportation, and  
19    Wildlife Resources; and

20           Whereas, John Walter Brown was admired and respected by his peers in the  
21    legislature, which enabled him to successfully advance legislation that aided agribusiness in the  
22    State; and

23           Whereas, among his many accomplishments, John Walter Brown was successful in  
24    helping to establish the School of Veterinary Science at North Carolina State University,  
25    securing funding for a cattle arena in Iredell County and special aircraft to fight forest fires, and  
26    getting additional roads built in the western portion of the State; and

27           Whereas, John Walter Brown helped to enact legislation that changed inheritance  
28    laws, reduced taxes, and included provisions for certain farms and lands under the present use  
29    tax laws; and

30           Whereas, John Walter Brown served as a member and delegate of the Republican  
31    National Committee, as a member of the North Carolina Republican Committee, and as an  
32    inductee in the North Carolina Republican Hall of Fame; and

33           Whereas, John Walter Brown received numerous awards and honors for his  
34    outstanding service, including an honorary degree from North Carolina State University; and



1           Whereas, John Walter Brown was named Man of the Year in North Carolina  
2 Agriculture, Man of the Year in North Carolina Poultry, and received a lifetime achievement  
3 award as Friend of Agriculture and Agriculture Business; and

4           Whereas, John Walter Brown proudly served his country as a member of the United  
5 States Army from 1944 to 1946, serving in the Engineer Corps during World War II; and

6           Whereas, John Walter Brown was a member of Charity United Methodist Church  
7 where he served as Chair of the Official Board, Trustee, Church School Superintendent,  
8 Teacher of the Young Adult Class, and as a Church Lay Speaker; and

9           Whereas, John Walter Brown died on November 20, 2008, at the age of 90; and

10          Whereas, John Walter Brown is survived by his wife, Ruth Hanks Brown; two  
11 daughters, Betty Brown Satterlee and Johnsie C. Brown; a sister, Victoria Hollar; two  
12 grandchildren; and three great grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

14           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of John Walter Brown  
15 and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State for his life and service.

16           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of  
17 John Walter Brown for the loss of a beloved family member.

18           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
19 resolution to the family of John Walter Brown.

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