

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1222
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Sponsors:

Referred to:

June 7, 2012

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY AND ITS
2 FOUNDERS.

3 Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony played its first concert under its founding
4 conductor Lamar Stringfield on May 14, 1932, at Hill Hall on the campus of the University of
5 North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

6 Whereas, the tireless efforts of Dr. Benjamin and Maxine Swalin and then-First
7 Lady Alice Broughton led to passage by the North Carolina General Assembly of the historic
8 "Horn-Tootin' Bill" in 1943, thus establishing a 69-year partnership with the State of North
9 Carolina and forming the basis for the most far-reaching music education program in the
10 United States; and

11 Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony has, since that day, traveled more than
12 500,000 miles by bus to present concerts throughout the State of North Carolina, delighting and
13 entertaining generations of citizens by demonstrating the highest level of artistic quality and
14 performance standards, and embracing its dual legacies of statewide service and music
15 education; and

16 Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony offers 45 yearly education concerts for
17 schoolchildren across the State, as well as professional development workshops for teachers
18 that support North Carolina curriculum standards in education and supplement the North
19 Carolina Symphony education concerts, and through its Ensembles in the Schools program,
20 visits classrooms for an interactive performance and learning experience; and

21 Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony further enhances music opportunities for
22 young people in North Carolina through programs such as the Instrument Zoo, an opportunity
23 for young people to see instruments and try them out; Young Strings of the Triangle, a private
24 lesson program for string students created to nurture and develop the musical potential of
25 minority and under served players; and North Carolina Symphony Youth Sinfonietta, a
26 chamber orchestra of talented young musicians selected by audition; and

27 Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony recognizes excellence in young musicians
28 and helps them launch their careers through its annual Kathleen Price and Joseph M. Bryan
29 Youth Concerto Competition, and in music educators through its annual Maxine Swalin Award
30 for Outstanding Music Educator; and

31 Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony, celebrating its 80th concert season in
32 2012-2013, continues to be artistically inspirational, creative, and vibrant; educationally
33 essential and relevant; and organizationally excellent and community-minded; Now, therefore,
34 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

35 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Lamar
36 Stringfield, Dr. Benjamin Swalin and Maxine Swalin, and Alice Broughton and expresses its
37 appreciation for their roles in founding the North Carolina Symphony.



1 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives proclaims 2012 as "North Carolina
2 Symphony Year" in recognition of the North Carolina Symphony's outstanding record of 80
3 years of service.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
5 to the President of the North Carolina Symphony.

6 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.