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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR35383-LG-205D (06/06)

Sponsors: Senator Carney (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JAMES SUMMERS
2 "JIM" FORRESTER, SR., MD, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, James Summers "Jim" Forrester, Sr. was born on January 8, 1937, in
4 Aberdeen, Scotland, to the late James Summers and Agnes "Nancy" McLennan Forrester of
5 Glasgow, Scotland; and

6 Whereas, after the death of his father, Jim Forrester, age 11, and his mother,
7 "Nancy," immigrated to the United States; settled in Wilmington, North Carolina, with
8 sponsorship; and later applied for and received their citizenship; and

9 Whereas, Jim Forrester graduated from New Hanover High School in Wilmington
10 in 1954; earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Wake Forest University in 1958;
11 graduated from Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University in 1962;
12 completed his internship at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in 1963; received a Master's
13 Degree in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1978; and was
14 Board Certified in Preventive Medicine in 1984; and

15 Whereas, Jim Forrester operated a family medical practice in Stanley, North
16 Carolina, for 46 years. He was a member of over 15 professional medical organizations during
17 his career, and he served as the Medical Director at Brian Center Nursing Home and Peak's
18 Nursing Home in Gaston County; and

19 Whereas, Jim Forrester was a past board member or president of over 16 community
20 service organizations and received over 17 community service awards during his lifetime,
21 including the Order of the Long Leaf Pine and the Jefferson Award for Community Service;
22 and

23 Whereas, Jim Forrester served his country by flying air evacuation in the Vietnam
24 War, served as a flight surgeon, and performed foreign medical missions in Central America
25 during his military career. He was honored for his service and retired with the rank of Brigadier
26 General with the North Carolina Air National Guard. Jim Forrester's illustrious military career
27 spanned 34 years, and he received over 12 awards and medals for his service, including the
28 Legion of Merit Award; and

29 Whereas, Jim Forrester served as a member of the North Carolina Senate from 1991
30 to 2011, during which time he served as Senate Minority Whip, Deputy Republican Leader of
31 the Senate, Republican Leader of the Senate, Joint Republican Caucus Leader; and in 2011,
32 Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

33 Whereas, Jim Forrester was a faithful member, Deacon, and Trustee of the First
34 Baptist Church in Stanley; and

35 Whereas, Jim Forrester will be fondly remembered for his service and integrity, his
36 devotion to his family and community, and his unwavering spirit in defending his country; and



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1 Whereas, Jim Forrester died on October 31, 2011, at the age of 74, while serving as
2 a member of the North Carolina Senate. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery on
3 March 26, 2012, with full military honors; and

4 Whereas, Jim Forrester is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Frances All
5 Forrester; his three daughters, Wynn Forrester Maxwell and husband Michael C. Maxwell,
6 MD; Gloria Forrester Lucioni and husband Marco Lucioni; Mary Paige Forrester Blalock and
7 husband Thomas Blalock; and a son, James Summers Forrester, Jr., MD, and wife Teresa Fore
8 Forrester. He is also survived by one sister, Lillian Forrester of Glasgow, Scotland, and eight
9 grandchildren: William Henry Forrester Maxwell, John David Thomas Maxwell, Mary Martha
10 McLennan Maxwell, Tomas Matias Lucioni, Daniel Lucas Lucioni, James Summers Forrester
11 III, Amy Elizabeth Forrester, and William Tyler Forrester; Now, therefore,

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

13 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of James
14 Summers "Jim" Forrester, Sr., MD, and expresses its appreciation for his accomplishments and
15 for the great service he gave to the citizens of the United States, the State of North Carolina,
16 and the citizens of Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, Iredell, and Rutherford Counties.

17 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
18 James Summers "Jim" Forrester, Sr. for the loss of a beloved family member.

19 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
20 resolution to the family of James Summers "Jim" Forrester, Sr.

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