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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR45500-LG-153A (04/25)

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Sponsors: Senators D. Davis and Pate (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HENSON  
2 PERRYMOORE BARNES, FORMER PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

3 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was born on November 18, 1934, in Bladen County to  
4 Reverend Lalon L. Barnes and Mable Cumbee Barnes; and

5 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was educated at Garland High School, Wilmington  
6 College, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received a Bachelor of Arts  
7 degree in 1959 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1961; and

8 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes proudly served his country in the United States Army as a  
9 paratrooper from 1953 to 1956 and, for his distinguished service, received citations and letters of  
10 commendation from battalion, regimental, and divisional Commands; and

11 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was a successful attorney and farmer; and

12 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was a founding member of the Goldsboro law firm of  
13 Barnes, Braswell, Haithcock and Warren, now known as Haithcock, Barfield, Hulse and Kinsey;  
14 and

15 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes served on the North Carolina Energy Policy Council and  
16 the North Carolina Courts Commission, was active in many community, civic, and fraternal  
17 organizations, including the Masonic Order, Shriners, Elks, American Legion, Moose Lodge,  
18 Civitan Club, and was President of the Goldsboro Jaycees, National Trustee of Woodmen of the  
19 World, and Legal Advisor to the Goldsboro Rescue Squad; and

20 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was active in professional and agricultural organizations,  
21 serving as a member of the Wayne County Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association,  
22 the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Association, and serving on the  
23 Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association, Board of Directors of the North  
24 Carolina Blueberry Association, and Board of Directors of the North Carolina Grape Growers  
25 Association; and

26 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes served with honor and distinction as a member of the  
27 General Assembly in the House of Representatives from 1975 to 1976 and in the Senate from  
28 1977 to 1992; and

29 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Henson P. Barnes focused on  
30 such issues relating to the environment, education, and transportation and chaired numerous  
31 committees; and

32 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes earned the respect and admiration of fellow members of  
33 the General Assembly, who elected him as President Pro Tempore of the Senate from 1988 to  
34 1992; and

35 Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was the recipient of numerous honors and awards,  
36 including an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from William Carter College in 1979;  
37 Legislative Award for Excellence from the Governor's Crime Commission in 1983; Outstanding



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1 Legislator from the North Carolina Parks Association in 1985; Woodmen of the World, "Man of  
2 the Year," in 1985; United States Great American Family of the Year Award, presented by Nancy  
3 Reagan at the White House in 1985; National Environmental Award, "Take Pride in America,"  
4 presented by President Ronald Reagan at the White House in 1987; Legislator Award for  
5 Contribution to Trails from the North Carolina Trails Association in 1987; and Legislator of the  
6 Year from the North Carolina School Counselor Association in 1990; and

7       Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was a member of the First Baptist Church in Goldsboro,  
8 where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and member of the Budget and Finance  
9 Board; and

10       Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was predeceased by his wife, Mary Catherine Allen  
11 Barnes; and

12       Whereas, Henson P. Barnes died on November 22, 2015, at the age of 81; and

13       Whereas, Henson P. Barnes is survived by his daughters, Rebecca B. Kinsey and Amy  
14 B. Patrick; and three grandchildren, John Kinsey, III, Jonathan Babb, Jr., and Brooke Babb; Now,  
15 therefore,

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

17       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of Henson  
18 Perrymore Barnes and expresses its appreciation for his accomplishments and the distinguished  
19 service he rendered Wayne and Greene Counties, the State of North Carolina, and the nation.

20       **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family and  
21 friends of Henson Perrymore Barnes for the loss of a beloved family member and friend.

22       **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
23 to the family of Henson Perrymore Barnes.

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