

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 539*

Sponsors: Representatives Hall, Payne; and Bowman.

Referred to: Rules.

March 13, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING ALBERT SCHWEITZER BY PROCLAIMING
2 ALBERT SCHWEITZER WEEK.

3 Whereas, Albert Schweitzer was a renowned physician, missionary,
4 theologian, musicologist and organist; and

5 Whereas, Dr. Schweitzer's dedication to humanity led him to found a hospital
6 in a remote region of Africa, the village of Lambarene; and

7 Whereas, Dr. Schweitzer's respect for the individual and philosophy of
8 "reverence for life," as the principle to govern all human action, earned him the Nobel
9 Peace Prize in 1952; and

10 Whereas, this same principle is needed today more than ever before and if
11 practiced by all people would achieve harmony among mankind; and

12 Whereas, the Albert Schweitzer International Prizes are presented in
13 Wilmington, North Carolina, to honor the memory and keep alive the teachings of this
14 great humanitarian by recognizing men and women worldwide who exemplify Dr.
15 Schweitzer's "reverence for life" in his three areas of expertise of medicine, music and
16 the humanities; and

17 Whereas, this year's distinguished winners include Beverly Sills, an operatic
18 singer in music; Dr. George Hitchings of Burroughs Wellcome, last year's Nobel Prize
19 winner, in Medicine; and Professor Boris Luben-Plozza of Switzerland, for his teaching
20 the Balint System, a humanitarian medical treatment of the whole patient, in the
21 Humanities; and

22 Whereas, the Albert Schweitzer International Prizes are the only international
23 prizes of their kind in the world and the first international prizes given in North

1 Carolina, thereby focusing global attention on North Carolina, New Hanover County,
2 the City of Wilmington and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington;

3 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

4 Section 1. The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina does hereby
5 proclaim March 19, 1989, through March 23, 1989, as Albert Schweitzer Week and
6 urge all residents to join in honoring this exemplary friend of mankind and the
7 exceptional individuals being honored in his name.

8 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
9 to the City of Wilmington.

10 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.