

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30**

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Sponsors: Senators Horton; Kerr, Hoyle, Ballance, Ledbetter, Blust, Clark, Odom, Rand, and Gulley.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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July 11, 1996

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
2 TO MAINTAIN THE GROUNDS AT THE HOME OF NATHANIEL MACON.

3 Whereas, North Carolina General Statute 136-44 provides, in part:" The  
4 Department of Transportation is hereby authorized and directed through the highway  
5 supervisor of the Warren County District, to clean off and keep clean the premises and  
6 grounds at the old home of Nathaniel Macon, known as 'Buck Springs,' which are owned  
7 by the County of Warren,..."; and Whereas, Buck Springs is the site of the grave of the  
8 Honorable Nathaniel Macon, perhaps the most important political figure in North  
9 Carolina history; and

10 Whereas, the Department of Transportation has, in spite of the statutory  
11 mandate, failed to attend to the maintenance of the grave of this man, called by Thomas  
12 Jefferson the "ultimum romanum," so that saplings and briars are growing through the  
13 cairn, the plaque thereon is virtually obscured, and the fencing around the plot is rotted  
14 and falling to the ground; and

15 Whereas, numerous former inquiries of the Department of Transportation have  
16 failed to produce the slightest concern for its duty; Now, therefore,  
17 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

18 Section 1. The Secretary of Transportation shall appear before the next  
19 meeting of the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee to provide  
20 explanation, if any he has, for the Department's refusal to comply with its duty prescribed  
21 in G.S. 136-44.

1           Sec. 2. Until such time as the Department of Transportation performs its duty  
2 with respect to the maintenance of the grave of Nathaniel Macon, the provisions of G.S.  
3 20-79.4 shall be null, void, and of no effect.

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