

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE RESOLUTION 53

Sponsors: Senators Cooper; Albertson, Ballance, Ballantine, Carter, Clodfelter, Dalton, Dannelly, East, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Gulley, Hagan, Harris, Hartsell, Horton, Hoyle, Jordan, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Metcalf, Miller, Odom, Perdue, Phillips, Purcell, Rand, Reeves, Robinson, Shaw of Cumberland, Warren, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 8, 1999

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
2 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION.

3 Whereas, the North Carolina Bar Association was founded on February 10,
4 1899, by a group of 62 lawyers, who convened in Raleigh at the North Carolina Supreme
5 Court; and

6 Whereas, the North Carolina Bar Association was organized to promote the
7 administration of justice throughout the State, advance the science of jurisprudence,
8 maintain the standard of honor in the profession, and establish cordial intercourse among
9 the members; and

10 Whereas, the 1899 General Assembly enacted a statute on March 6, 1899,
11 incorporating and bestowing upon the North Carolina Bar Association legal status as a
12 recognized professional association within the State; and

13 Whereas, the North Carolina Bar Association held its first annual meeting July
14 5-7, 1899, in Morehead City, with 114 lawyers in attendance; and

15 Whereas, since its formation, the North Carolina Bar Association has used its
16 resources to support lawyers and local Bar organizations throughout North Carolina; and

1 Whereas, the North Carolina Bar Association has enhanced the quality of life
2 for all citizens of the State and continues to work to advance the public confidence in the
3 legal profession; and

4 Whereas, many lawyers serving our State in the General Assembly and its
5 leadership have historically been and are currently members of the North Carolina Bar
6 Association; and

7 Whereas, during its 100 years of service, the North Carolina Bar Association
8 has been instrumental in providing leadership and encouraging the highest standards of
9 integrity, competence, civility, and well-being of all members of the legal profession; and

10 Whereas, the goals of the North Carolina Bar Association during the
11 celebration of its centennial are:

- 12 (1) To inspire lawyers to the highest ideals of professionalism and service;
- 13 (2) To foster and protect the fundamental role of lawyers to sustain the rule
14 of law in our free society;
- 15 (3) To challenge all citizens to strengthen our system of justice for the 21st
16 century; and
- 17 (4) To assist the General Assembly, through drafting, research and as a
18 resource, in its important duty of enacting sound legislation for the
19 betterment of all North Carolinians; and

20 Whereas, it is only fitting that the North Carolina Bar Association be
21 commended for its 100 years of continuous service; Now, therefore,
22 Be it resolved by the Senate:

23 Section 1. The Senate recognizes the historic accomplishments of the North
24 Carolina Bar Association and congratulates the organization on 100 years of dedicated
25 commitment to serve the public and the legal profession by promoting the administration
26 of justice and encouraging the highest standards of integrity, competence, civility, and
27 well-being of all members of the profession. The Senate further wishes to thank the
28 volunteers and staff who have contributed to the growth and development of this
29 distinguished Association.

30 Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
31 to the President of the North Carolina Bar Association.

32 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.