

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**Simple  
Resolution  
Adopted**

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1330  
Adopted 6/5/03  
Corrected Copy 6/9/03**

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Sponsors: Representatives Warner; L. Allen, Baker, Bowie, Church, Cole, Crawford, Decker, Ellis, Frye, Gillespie, Goforth, Goodwin, Hill, Holmes, Jeffus, L. Johnson, Justice, Justus, LaRoque, Lucas, McGee, McHenry, Pate, Rapp, Ray, Rhodes, Sauls, Sexton, Sherrill, Walker, West, A. Williams, and K. Williams.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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June 5, 2003

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMENDING BILLY GRAHAM, RENOWNED  
2 HUMANITARIAN, PHILANTHROPIST, AND GREAT NORTH CAROLINIAN.

3 Whereas, there have been many great North Carolinians, but few have  
4 impacted the world more than Billy Graham; and

5 Whereas, Billy Graham was born William Franklin Graham, Jr. to William  
6 Franklin Graham and Morrow Coffey Graham on a dairy farm in Charlotte; and

7 Whereas, Billy Graham was ordained to the ministry in 1939 and thereafter  
8 served as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Western Springs, Illinois, from 1943 to  
9 1945, as a member of Youth for Christ International, where he ministered to young  
10 people and military personnel, from 1945 to 1950, and as President of Northwestern  
11 Schools, a liberal arts college, Bible school, and theological seminary, from 1947 to  
12 1952; and

13 Whereas, after World War II, Billy Graham attained international prominence  
14 through a series of crusades that began in 1949; and

15 Whereas, since 1950, Billy Graham has conducted his ministry by means of a  
16 weekly radio program, "Hour of Decision"; a newspaper column, "My Answer";  
17 televised crusades; articles published in "Decision" magazine; and films produced and  
18 distributed by World Wide Pictures; and

19 Whereas, over the years, Billy Graham has preached to live audiences of over  
20 210 million people in more than 185 countries and territories; and

21 Whereas, a renowned humanitarian and philanthropist, Billy Graham has  
22 tried to help those in need through his work with the World Emergency Relief Fund,

1 which gives financial assistance to disaster victims, and the BGEA Love in Action  
2 committees, which collect and distribute food and clothing internationally; and

3 Whereas, Billy Graham has received numerous awards and honorary degrees,  
4 including the Congressional Gold Medal in 1996, the North Carolina Award for Public  
5 Service in 1986, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1983; and

6 Whereas, Billy Graham received the Big Brother of the Year Award in 1966  
7 for his work on behalf of the welfare of children and the Ronald Reagan Presidential  
8 Foundation Freedom Award in 2000 for monumental and lasting contributions to the  
9 cause of freedom; and

10 Whereas, Billy Graham was cited by the George Washington Carver  
11 Memorial Institute for his contributions to race relations in 1964 and was recognized by  
12 the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith and the National Conference of  
13 Christians and Jews for his efforts to foster a better understanding among all faiths; and

14 Whereas, Billy Graham has counseled and advised presidents and world  
15 leaders and has participated in many historic occasions, such as the tearing down of the  
16 Berlin Wall; and

17 Whereas, Billy Graham has opposed racial discrimination and, in the 1950s  
18 and 1960s, never held a segregated meeting but conducted fully integrated crusades; and

19 Whereas, Billy Graham has written 18 books, all of which have become best  
20 sellers, including his latest book, "Just As I Am," an autobiography published in 1997;  
21 and

22 Whereas, Billy Graham has been named one of Gallup Poll's list of the "Ten  
23 Most Admired Men in the World" for an unprecedented 43 times, 36 of which have  
24 been in consecutive years; and

25 Whereas, Billy Graham continues to inspire the world with his good works;  
26 and

27 Whereas, Billy Graham is proud to call himself a Tar Heel and to make North  
28 Carolina his home; and

29 Whereas, Governor Michael F. Easley issued a proclamation on October 29,  
30 2002, during the official groundbreaking ceremony for the Billy Graham Association  
31 corporate headquarters in the City of Charlotte honoring Billy Graham and commending  
32 him for his many accomplishments; Now, therefore,

33 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

34 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina House of Representatives commends Billy  
35 Graham, renowned humanitarian, philanthropist, and great North Carolinian, for all of  
36 his good works and his many accomplishments.

37 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this  
38 resolution to Billy Graham.

39 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.