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**SENATE RESOLUTION 1177
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Sponsors: Senator Basnight.

Referred to:

July 13, 2005

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING ROBERT C. SOLES AND
2 MYRTLE NORRIS SOLES ON THEIR SEVENTY-FIFTH WEDDING
3 ANNIVERSARY AND DECLARING ROBERT C. "R.C." SOLES, JR. TO BE A
4 NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTION.

5 Whereas, Robert C. Soles and Myrtle Norris Soles of Tabor City, North
6 Carolina, will be celebrating 75 years of marriage on July 13, 2005; and

7 Whereas, Robert C. Soles met the love of his life, Myrtle Norris, while they
8 were students at Tabor City High School, where they became high school sweethearts;
9 and

10 Whereas, Myrtle served as Class President and both Robert and Myrtle
11 played for their high school basketball teams; and

12 Whereas, Robert was a successful merchant in Tabor City for many years and
13 took an active role in the affairs of his community; and

14 Whereas, Robert was a member of the Tabor City Town Council and served
15 as Mayor of the Town for more than 10 years; and

16 Whereas, Robert and Myrtle have been ardent supporters of education; and

17 Whereas, Robert served on the Board of Trustees of Campbell University for
18 more than 20 years and was named the university's first lifetime trustee, and Myrtle
19 served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Community College; and

20 Whereas, Robert and Myrtle have established a scholastic trust fund at both
21 Campbell University and Southeastern Community College; and

22 Whereas, Robert and Myrtle continue to be involved in their community and
23 are lifelong members of the Tabor City Baptist Church; and

24 Whereas, Robert and Myrtle are the proud parents of a son, Robert Charles
25 "R.C." Soles, Jr., and a daughter, Darcus Soles Woody, and the dotting grandparents of
26 two grandchildren and two great grandchildren; and

1 Whereas, R.C. Soles, Jr. has served 19 consecutive terms in the North
2 Carolina General Assembly, serving four terms in the House of Representatives from
3 1969 to 1976 and serving 15 terms in the Senate from 1977 to the present; and

4 Whereas, as a member of the General Assembly, R.C. Soles, Jr. has made
5 great contributions as a State leader, chairing and serving on various committees,
6 including Judiciary, Finance, Commerce, Public Utilities, and Rules and Operations of
7 the Senate; and

8 Whereas, R.C. Soles, Jr. holds the historic distinction of having served the
9 most consecutive terms in the General Assembly of any member in history; and

10 Whereas, Senator R.C. Soles' years of public service and his parents' 75th
11 wedding anniversary are worthy of recognition and celebration; Now, therefore,
12 Be it resolved by the Senate:

13 **SECTION 1.** The Senate congratulates Robert C. Soles and Myrtle Norris
14 Soles on their 75th wedding anniversary and declares Senator Robert C. "R.C." Soles, Jr.
15 to be a North Carolina Institution for his many years of public service.

16 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 resolution to Robert C. and Myrtle Norris Soles, Senator Robert C. "R.C." Soles, Jr.,
18 and to Darcus Soles Woody.

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