

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2063

Sponsors: Senators Cowell, Stevens, Hunt, and Malone.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

June 22, 2006

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE CAROLINA HURRICANES HOCKEY
2 TEAM, WINNERS OF THE 2006 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
3 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY, THE FAMED STANLEY CUP, NAMED FOR
4 LORD STANLEY, THE EARL OF PRESTON AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF
5 CANADA.

6 Whereas, the Stanley Cup, the oldest trophy competed for by professional
7 athletes in North America, was donated by Frederick Arthur, Lord Stanley of Preston
8 and Governor-General of Canada, in 1893; and

9 Whereas, Lord Stanley purchased the trophy for presentation to the amateur
10 hockey champions of Canada; and

11 Whereas, since 1910, when the National Hockey Association took possession
12 of the Stanley Cup, the trophy has been the symbol of professional hockey supremacy;
13 and

14 Whereas, the Stanley Cup is the most prestigious and coveted trophy in all of
15 professional sports; and

16 Whereas, Peter Karmanos had the vision and foresight to bring major league
17 professional hockey to North Carolina; and

18 Whereas, the Carolina Hurricanes have the finest front office organization in
19 all of professional sports as Canes' President and long-time General Manager Jim
20 Rutherford was once again named the NHL's Executive of the Year; and

21 Whereas, the members of the Hurricanes have been tremendous contributors
22 to the community through a variety of charitable works; and

23 Whereas, the Hurricanes' former captain and future Hall of Famer Ron
24 Francis was the face of hard work and tireless dedication that drew a new generation of
25 fans to the sport of ice hockey; and

26 Whereas, Hurricanes' fans, known as Caniacs, from all over the Triangle and
27 State have embraced the team and its players and have cheered them to victory, earning
28 the RBC Center the distinction of being the Loudest House in the NHL; and

1 Whereas, the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Montreal Canadiens, the New
2 Jersey Devils, the Buffalo Sabres, and the Edmonton Oilers in the 2006 NHL playoffs;
3 and

4 Whereas, Coach Peter Laviolette has skillfully guided the Hurricanes into a
5 new era of hockey; and

6 Whereas, Captain Rod Brind'Amour and the team he leads embody all of the
7 character and qualities that North Carolinians have long held in highest esteem; and

8 Whereas, the Carolina Hurricanes to a man were "relentless" in living up to
9 their creed, "Whatever It Takes" and did what it took to be a champion; and have won
10 for North Carolina and all her sports fans our first major league professional
11 championship; and

12 Whereas, the names of every player on the Carolina Hurricanes will be
13 forever etched in hockey lore and, most importantly, on the Stanley Cup Trophy; and

14 Whereas, the name Carolina with our proud history spanning over 400 years
15 will forever be immortalized on Lord Stanley's Cup; Now, therefore,
16 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

17 **SECTION 1.** North Carolina will forever be grateful for the years of tireless
18 effort the players and organization of the Carolina Hurricanes have devoted to bringing
19 our fair State its first professional team championship.

20 **SECTION 2.** Having won Lord Stanley's Cup we shall honor and defend the
21 Cup as true champions, and that on this day the Hurricanes are first in the hearts of all
22 North Carolinians and are hereby declared true sons of the Old North State.

23 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this
24 resolution to each member of the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Team and the team's
25 owner, Peter Karmanos, and coach, Peter Laviolette.

26 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.