

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80370-LG-487 (03/23)**

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL  
2 UNIVERSITY EAGLES ON WINNING ITS SECOND STRAIGHT CIAA  
3 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

4       Whereas, on November 11, 2006, North Carolina Central University's  
5 football team won the 2006 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA)  
6 Football Championship, defeating Elizabeth City State University by a score of 17-14;  
7 and

8       Whereas, this victory gave the football team its second straight CIAA title,  
9 and as well as its second straight championship with a last-second field goal; and

10       Whereas, the Eagles set several CIAA records during the championship  
11 game, including the longest field goal made and a total offense of 416 yards; and

12       Whereas, the Eagles compiled a perfect conference record of 11-0, the most  
13 regular season wins in school history; and

14       Whereas, during postseason play, the Eagles advanced to the second round of  
15 the NCAA Division II Southeast Region by capturing the team's first-ever football  
16 victory over a Southwestern Athletic Conference opponent by defeating Southern  
17 University; and

18       Whereas, the Eagles earned a No. 1 ranking in the final NCAA Division II  
19 Southeast Region poll and finished its 2006 season with an overall record of 11-2; and

20       Whereas, NCCU's outstanding football season earned the team many  
21 accolades and honors, including being named the 2006 Sheridan Broadcasting Network  
22 (SBN) Black College Football National Champions, a first for the Eagles; and

23       Whereas, many individual football players were recognized for their efforts  
24 during the season, including freshman quarterback Stadford Brown as the 2006  
25 Sheridan Broadcasting Network (SBN) Sports Doug Williams Offensive Player of the  
26 Year, the 2006 CIAA Offensive Player of the Year, and the CIAA Rookie of the Year;  
27 and

1           Whereas, four players were selected for the 2006 SBN Sports Black College  
2 All-America Team, including quarterback Stadford Brown, senior tight end Kenneth  
3 Broadway, senior defensive lineman Greg Peterson, and junior defensive back Craig  
4 Amos; and

5           Whereas, Head coach Rod Broadway's leadership and contributions were also  
6 recognized as he was named the 2006 SBN Sports Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year;  
7 and

8           Whereas, the success of the men's football program along with the many  
9 academic achievements of the students is part of a long-standing tradition of excellence  
10 at NCCU and a fitting memorial to Dr. James E. Shepard, who founded the school and  
11 presided over the University as its president from 1910 to his death in 1947; and

12           Whereas, the entire football team and coaching staff deserve congratulations  
13 for their extraordinary accomplishments; and

14           Whereas, North Carolina Central University's second straight CIAA football  
15 championship has brought great honor and distinction to the State and deserves  
16 recognition and appreciation; Now, therefore,

17 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

18           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly congratulates the North Carolina  
19 Central University Eagles on winning the 2006 Central Intercollegiate Athletic  
20 Association Football Championship and recognizes the achievements of the players,  
21 coaches, students, alumni, and support staff who were instrumental in helping the  
22 football team win its second straight CIAA championship.

23           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Dr. James E.  
24 Shepard for leadership of North Carolina Central University and his contributions to the  
25 University's students, faculty, and alumni.

26           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution  
27 to North Carolina Central University Chancellor Dr. James H. Ammons and Athletic  
28 Director William Hayes and the family of Dr. James E. Shepard.

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