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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1865

Sponsors: Representatives Hall, Wilkins, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Blue, Bryant, Cotham, Cunningham, Harrison, Lucas, McAllister, Michaux, Mobley, Weiss, and Wray.

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

April 24, 2007

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.