

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

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR70575-LG-611\* (6/21)**

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Sponsors: Representatives R. Warren, Hilton, and Setzer (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF JULIAN G. WHITENER,  
2 FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HICKORY, ON THE OCCASION OF  
3 HICKORY BEING NAMED A 2007 ALL-AMERICA CITY.

4 Whereas, the late Julian G. Whitener served as Mayor of the City of Hickory  
5 from 1959 to 1977, where he was a diligent and devoted servant who helped to improve  
6 the conditions of the City; and

7 Whereas, the citizens of the City of Hickory possess a community spirit that  
8 has enabled them to work together successfully to improve the quality of their lives; and

9 Whereas, Hickory was recently honored by the National Civic League as one  
10 of the 10 communities nationwide to receive its All-America City Award, which  
11 recognizes excellence in local efforts to strengthen the civic infrastructure of America's  
12 communities; and

13 Whereas, this honor gave Hickory its third win in 40 years, having previously  
14 been named an All-America City in 1967 and 1987, and put the city in an elite group of  
15 only 28 cities to earn this recognition three or more times; and

16 Whereas, to justify why the city deserved the All-America City Award,  
17 Hickory demonstrated its efforts to rebound from recent economic hardships and  
18 presented the effects of three grassroots projects: the Hickory Metro Higher Education  
19 Center, a partnership between various academic institutions that try to improve  
20 educational opportunities of area citizens and boost economic development in the  
21 region; Exodus Home, a nonprofit agency that provides transitional and permanent  
22 housing for disadvantaged residents; and Project Potential, a scholarship program aimed  
23 at helping at-risk youth stay in school by offering them scholarships for post high school  
24 education; and

25 Whereas, the extraordinary achievements of Hickory helped distinguish the  
26 City of Hickory as an All-America City, and this honor deserves recognition by the  
27 General Assembly; Now, therefore,

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

1           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Julian G.  
2 Whitener, former Mayor of the City of Hickory, and expresses its gratitude for the  
3 service he rendered to the people of Hickory.

4           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the City of Hickory and its  
5 citizens for receiving the National Civic League's All-America City Award and wishes  
6 to extend its congratulations to the City of Hickory and its citizens for bringing national  
7 recognition to the State of North Carolina.

8           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
9 resolution to the Mayor of the City of Hickory.

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