

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

**SESSION 2007
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2007-60
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2064**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JAMES PRESTON "JIMMY" GREEN, JR., AN ATTORNEY AND A MAN OF GREAT COMPASSION WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY IN HIS COMMUNITY TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE LESS FORTUNATE.

Whereas, James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr., was born on November 19, 1958, in the United States Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, to Dr. James Preston Green, Sr., and Carolyn Marie Smith Green; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green received his early education in the Vance County public school system; graduated from Vance Senior High School in 1976; earned a bachelor's of science degree, with honors, in public administration, from North Carolina Central University in 1980, a master's degree in public affairs from North Carolina State University in 1982, and a juris doctor degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1986; and

Whereas, early in his legal career, Jimmy Green, who was fondly referred to by his clients and members of the public as "Attorney Green," served as executive director of The North Carolina Coalition of Rural Farm Families and as an adjunct professor of public administration at North Carolina Central University; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green established law offices in Raleigh, Durham, and Henderson, North Carolina, and provided legal representation in the areas of Social Security disability, bankruptcy, traffic offenses, and real estate; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green was dedicated to providing quality legal services to his clients regardless of their ability to pay and worked diligently on their behalf to resolve their legal concerns in a way that left them empowered; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green was active in the legal community, serving as a member of the North Carolina State Bar Association, the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers, the Charles W. Williamson Bar Association in Henderson, North Carolina, and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green was an advocate for and legal counselor to many small farmers in the State and did pro bono work for the Land Loss Prevention Project at North Carolina Central University School of Law and for Operation Spring Plan, an organization in Oxford, North Carolina, which provides technical assistance to small farmers and others; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green was devoted to the youth in his community, serving as a member or supporter of The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition in Vance County; About Face II, Inc., an organization that educates high school dropouts; the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America; and the Board of Directors of the Vance County Boys and Girls Club; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green made time to get involved in his community by working with a number of organizations that are committed to helping others, including serving as President of the Vance County branch of the NAACP, the Vance County Organization to Implement Community Excellence, and the Zeta Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green, a great-grandson of North Carolina Central University founder, Dr. James E. Shepard, founded The James E. Shepard Center for Truth and Service, a nonprofit organization that is committed to preserving the history

and legacy of Dr. Shepard and the historic properties surrounding North Carolina Central University. He was a strong supporter of the Shepard Alliance for Enlightenment, a nonprofit historic preservation fund in the Triangle Community Foundation that is also working to preserve the history of Dr. Shepard and others who worked tirelessly to make North Carolina Central University a "gem" in the UNC system; and he worked diligently alongside his sister, Carolyn Green Boone, J.D., and the members of the Shepard House Restoration Committee to renovate and restore the home of Dr. and Mrs. James E. Shepard on Fayetteville Street in Durham, North Carolina; and

Whereas, in addition to his love of the law, Jimmy Green also loved the arts, particularly acting, which he pursued in high school and college, and photography, an avocation he took up in high school and continued to enjoy over the years as he became more accomplished and expanded his interests and talents into other areas, including Web site design; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green was, in his youth, a member of Cotton Memorial Presbyterian Church in Henderson, North Carolina, he later joined Covenant Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina, and, in recent years, worshipped at Poplar Springs Christian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he was actively involved with the Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green died on September 27, 2006; and

Whereas, Jimmy Green leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Diane Baker Green; his children, James Preston Green, III; Courtney Green; Kiah Green; and Alexander Green; and his stepdaughter, LaMonda Sykes; his mother, Mrs. Carolyn Marie Smith Green; his sister, Carolyn Green Boone, J.D.; his brother, Isaac H. Green, Sr.; and five adoring nieces and nephews; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the life of James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr., attorney and civic leader, for his commitment to providing legal services in Raleigh, Durham, Garner, and Henderson and for his dedication to preserving the legacy of Dr. James E. Shepard, founder of North Carolina Central University.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends sympathy to the family of James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr., for the loss of a beloved family member.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th day of July, 2007.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives