

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR30718-LG-639 (3/24)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, McGee, Folwell, and Parmon (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEN'S SOCCER TEAM AT WAKE
2 FOREST UNIVERSITY ON WINNING A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

3 Whereas, on December 16, 2007, the men's soccer team at Wake Forest
4 University won the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) College Cup
5 Title, defeating Ohio State by a score of 2-1; and

6 Whereas, this achievement gave Wake Forest University its first NCAA
7 men's soccer national championship title; and

8 Whereas, the men's soccer team finished its 2007 Atlantic Coast Conference
9 (ACC) season with a record of 6-1-1 and an overall record of 22-2-2, the best in school
10 history; and

11 Whereas, many individual team members were recognized for their efforts
12 during the year including, Marcus Tracy, who was named the NCAA tournament's Most
13 Valuable Offensive Player, and Brian Edwards, who was named the NCAA
14 tournament's Most Valuable Defensive Player; and

15 Whereas, Cody Amoux, Pat Phelan, and Sam Cronin were named
16 All-Americans by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA); and

17 Whereas, Corben Bone was named the ACC's Freshman of the Year and
18 selected to the First Team All-Freshman squad by Soccer America along with
19 teammate, Ike Opara; and

20 Whereas, Pat Phelan and Julian Valentin were selected to play for the U.S.
21 National teams; and

22 Whereas, Wake Forest's successful season earned head coach Jay Vidovich
23 the 2007 NSCAA Coach of the Year Award and the 2008 Walt Chyzowych
24 Achievement Award, an honor given to coaches who have had a national impact in the
25 development and growth of soccer and its athletes; and

26 Whereas, during his 14 seasons at Wake Forest, Coach Vidovich has never
27 had a losing season, achieving an overall record of 187-81-27; and

1 Whereas, since 1980, the men's soccer program has achieved an overall
2 record of 305-191-61; and

3 Whereas, members of the men's soccer team should also be commended for
4 being active participants in the community and serving as role models for young soccer
5 players across the State and nation; and

6 Whereas, the success of the men's soccer program along with the many
7 academic achievements of the students is part of a long-standing tradition of excellence
8 at Wake Forest University and a fitting memorial to Samuel Wait, a proponent and early
9 leader of the University, who served as principal when the school was founded as Wake
10 Forest Institute in 1834 and as president of Wake Forest College from 1838 to 1845;
11 and

12 Whereas, these extraordinary accomplishments of the players and coaches of
13 the men's soccer program bring great honor and distinction to the State of North
14 Carolina and deserve recognition; Now, therefore,

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

16 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses the appreciation and
17 admiration of the people of North Carolina to the men's soccer team at Wake Forest
18 University for winning the 2007 NCAA College Cup championship and recognizes the
19 achievements of team members: Lyle Adams, Cody Amoux, Cline Beam, Corben Bone,
20 Evan Brown, Austin Chelko, Will Clayton, Russ Coleman, Nick Courtney, Sam Cronin,
21 Austin da Luz, Brian Edwards, Akira Fitzgerald, Jamie Franks, Alimer Gonzalez, Josh
22 Henke, Mike Lahoud, Jeff Leach, Justin Lichtfuss, David Murphy, Ike Opara, Patrick
23 Phelan, Dylan Sansone, Zack Schilawski, Ryan Swaim, Marcus Tracy, and Julian
24 Valentin; head coach Jay Vidovich; assistant coaches Jon Lowery and Carson Porter;
25 and other staff members.

26 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Samuel Wait for
27 his many contributions to Wake Forest University and the State of North Carolina.

28 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
29 resolution to President Nathan O. Hatch, Athletic Director Ron Wellman, and Coach
30 Jay Vidovich.

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