

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

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR51027-LG-730 (5/15)**

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Sponsors: Representative Farmer-Butterfield.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOHN L.  
2 MCCAIN, FORMER PHYSICIAN.

3       Whereas, John L. McCain was born on April 11, 1927, in Sanitorium, North  
4 Carolina (now known as McCain, North Carolina, to Dr. Paul Pressly McCain and Sadie  
5 McBrayer McCain; and

6       Whereas, John L. McCain was reared on the grounds of the State  
7 Tuberculosis Sanitorium, where his father served as Director of the State sanatoria  
8 system; and

9       Whereas, John L. McCain interrupted his college education to serve in the  
10 United States Navy during World War II; and

11       Whereas, after serving in the navy, John L. McCain continued his education,  
12 graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a bachelor's  
13 degree in chemistry and from the University of Virginia School of Medicine; and

14       Whereas, Dr. McCain completed his internship at the Philadelphia General  
15 Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his residencies in internal medicine at the  
16 North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill and the Medical College of Virginia  
17 in Richmond, Virginia; and

18       Whereas, Dr. McCain was a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal  
19 Medicine and a Fellow of the American College of Physicians; and

20       Whereas, Dr. McCain was a founding Fellow of the American Rheumatism  
21 Association and a Fellow of the American College of Rheumatology; and

22       Whereas, Dr. McCain devoted his life to providing the best of care to the  
23 citizens of Wilson County and the surrounding areas, serving as a physician in an active  
24 clinic as well as a solo practice for more than 49 years; and

25       Whereas, Dr. McCain was a Certified Medical Director of Skilled Nursing  
26 Facilities and served as Medical Director of several nursing facilities, including the  
27 Avante Group Nursing and Rehabilitation Centers, WilMed Nursing Care Center, Brian  
28 Center Health and Rehabilitation Center, and Britthaven of Wilson; and

1           Whereas, Dr. McCain was able to share his skills and abilities with other  
2 medical professionals, serving as an Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at the  
3 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, as a lecturer for the  
4 Bowman Gray School of Medicine, and as Chair of the medical staff of Wilson  
5 Memorial Hospital; and

6           Whereas, Dr. McCain served his profession proudly as President of the  
7 Wilson County Medical Society, Fourth District Medical Society, Seaboard Medical  
8 Association, North Carolina Mental Health Association, North Carolina Mental Health  
9 Research Foundation, Central Coastal Plain Health Planning Council, Eastern Carolina  
10 Health Systems Agency, North Carolina Society of Internal Medicine, and the  
11 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Medical Alumni Association; and

12           Whereas, Dr. McCain also made significant contributions as Chair of North  
13 Carolina Health Coordinating Council, Professional Advisory Council of the North  
14 Carolina State Board of Mental Health, and Geriatrics Task Force of the American  
15 Society of Internal Medicine; and

16           Whereas, Dr. McCain served as a member of the North Carolina Arthritis  
17 Foundation, North Carolina Heart Association, Medical Mutual Liability Insurance  
18 Company of North Carolina, the Wilson-Green Area Mental Health Authority, the  
19 Wilson County Senior Citizens Council, and the Home Health and Hospice Board of  
20 Directors; and

21           Whereas, Dr. McCain was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the  
22 National Council on Health Planning and Development; and

23           Whereas, Dr. McCain received numerous honors and awards for his many  
24 years of service to his profession, including the Distinguished Service Award from the  
25 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, the Government  
26 Affairs Program Award from the North Carolina Arthritis Foundation, and the Order of  
27 the Long Leaf Pine; and

28           Whereas, in 2004, Dr. McCain and his wife, Betty, were named "Wilsonians  
29 of the Year" by the local chapter of the American Red Cross; and

30           Whereas, Dr. McCain was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of  
31 Wilson, North Carolina, where he served as a deacon, elder, and choir member; and

32           Whereas, Dr. McCain died on June 29, 2005, after leading a very  
33 distinguished life; and

34           Whereas, Dr. McCain is survived by his wife, Betty Ray McCain; children,  
35 Paul P. McCain, III and Eloise McCain Hassell; grandchildren, Elizabeth, Emily, and  
36 John L. McCain, II and Molly and Bayly Hassell; and sister, Sara McCain McCollum;  
37 Now, therefore,

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

39           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Dr. John L.  
40 McCain and expresses its appreciation for his life and for his service to Wilson County,  
41 the State of North Carolina, and the nation.

42           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its sympathy to the family of  
43 Dr. John L. McCain for the loss of a beloved family member.

1                   **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
2 resolution to the family of Dr. John L. McCain.

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