

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

**RESOLUTION 2008-29**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2801**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Dr. McCain served as a member of the North Carolina Arthritis Foundation, North Carolina Heart Association, Medical Mutual Liability Insurance

Company of North Carolina, the Wilson-Green Area Mental Health Authority, the Wilson County Senior Citizens Council, and the Home Health and Hospice Board of Directors; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2008.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives