

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

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR75426-LG-611A\* (6/21)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Allran.

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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 Senate, the House of Representatives 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.