

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1263**

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Sponsors: Representative Pierce (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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June 12, 2014

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING FATHERS DURING THE OBSERVANCE OF  
2 FATHER'S DAY.

3 Whereas, the origin of Father's Day can be traced to the efforts of Sonora Smart  
4 Dodd of Spokane, Washington, to recognize her father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran  
5 who raised Sonora and her five siblings as a single father after the death of his wife; and

6 Whereas, Congress passed a joint resolution recognizing Father's Day in 1956, and  
7 President Richard Nixon signed a proclamation establishing a permanent holiday in 1972; and

8 Whereas, as we celebrate Father's Day in 2014, it is important to look at some of the  
9 current issues facing fathers and fatherhood; and

10 Whereas, the number of children in the United States growing up without a  
11 relationship with their father is a staggering 24 million, or one out of every three children; and

12 Whereas, supportive fathers promote the positive physical, social, emotional, moral,  
13 and mental development of children; and

14 Whereas, the lack of paternal involvement in a child's life has a direct correlation to  
15 child poverty, health, incarceration, crime, teen pregnancy, substance abuse, lower levels of  
16 education, and obesity; and

17 Whereas, it is the mission of organizations like Every Father Counts to mobilize  
18 biological fathers to advocate for and engage their children and communities in ways that raise  
19 awareness of and nurture the importance of a positive father-child bond; and

20 Whereas, Every Father Counts, through advocacy, seeks to empower all fathers to  
21 address laws that influence decisions on child custody policies and public programs that  
22 systematically hinder the ability of fathers to have a positive relationship with their children;  
23 and

24 Whereas, it is fitting to raise awareness about the importance of fathers in children's  
25 lives and the subsequent impact on the overall wellbeing of our community; Now, therefore,  
26 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

27 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of those fathers  
28 who have had a positive impact on the lives of their children.

29 **SECTION 2.** While observing Father's Day on June 15, 2014, the House of  
30 Representatives supports the efforts of organizations like Every Father Counts, which  
31 encourages fathers to be involved in the lives of their children.

32 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

