

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 36

Sponsors: Representatives R. Brown and Dockham (Primary Sponsors).

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

February 4, 2013

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOE H. HEGE, JR.,
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. was born in Lexington, North Carolina, on January 28,
4 1926, to Joe H. Hege, Sr. and Ellen J. Hilliard Hege; and

5 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. graduated from Pilot High School in 1943, and received a
6 police administration certificate from the Institute of Government at the University of North
7 Carolina at Chapel Hill. He furthered his education at Oklahoma University in 1975; and

8 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. served in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946 and
9 was awarded the European-African-Middle East Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the
10 Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, and the Army Occupation Medal; and

11 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. was a devoted member of the Pilgrim Reformed United
12 Church of Christ in Lexington, where he served as president, treasurer, and chair of the Audit
13 Committee, as chair of the Cemetery Committee, and as an elder, deacon, and Sunday school
14 teacher; and

15 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr.'s career included serving as a Veterans Service Officer
16 for Davidson County from 1948 to 1950, as Vice-President of Sicheloff Manufacturing
17 Company, and as realtor for National Realty; and

18 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. was the Assistant Director of Services for the Blind in
19 Governor Jim Holshouser's administration from 1973 to 1977; and

20 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. served 18 years as a member of the House of
21 Representatives during the 1967, 1969, 1971, 1973, 1981, 1985, 1987, 1989, and 1991 sessions
22 of the General Assembly; and

23 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Hege served as
24 Minority Whip during the 1969 Session and served on numerous committees, including
25 Appropriations, Commerce, Economic Growth, Education, Election Laws, Ethics, Finance,
26 Legislative and Local Redistricting, Local and Regional Government I, and Public Utilities;
27 and

28 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. served as Sheriff of Davidson County from 1969 to 1970;
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30 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. was a member of several civic, fraternal, and professional
31 organizations, including the Lexington Board of Realtors, Amvets, Veterans of Foreign Wars,
32 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, Kiwanis, Lions International, and American Legion;
33 and

34 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. died on February 14, 2011, at the age of 85; and



1 Whereas, Joe H. Hege, Jr. is survived by his wife, Jane Owen Hege; three children,
2 Joe III, Karen, and Edwin; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson; Now, therefore,
3 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

4 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of former Representative
5 Joe H. Hege, Jr. and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he
6 rendered to his community, this State, and our nation.

7 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family of Joe H.
8 Hege, Jr. for the loss of a beloved family member.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
10 resolution to the family of Joe H. Hege, Jr.

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