

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1261**

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Sponsors: Representatives Boyd-McIntyre; Alexander, Allen, Baddour, Barefoot, Bell, Church, Coates, Cole, M. Crawford, Cunningham, Dockham, Easterling, Esposito, Fox, Gulley, Hackney, Haire, Hall, Harrington, Hill, Holliman, Insko, Jarrell, Luebke, McLawhorn, Morris, Nesbitt, Nye, Oldham, Owens, Redwine, Rogers, Saunders, Sutton, Tolson, Underhill, Wainwright, Warren, Weiss, C. Wilson, Womble, and Yongue.

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

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April 12, 2001

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING NORTH CAROLINA'S 2000 OLYMPIC  
2 MEDAL WINNERS AND INVITING MARION JONES, 2000 OLYMPIC TRACK  
3 AND FIELD GOLD MEDALIST, TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE OF  
4 REPRESENTATIVES.

5       Whereas, the 2000 Olympiad was held in Sydney, Australia, September 15  
6 through October 1, such games having grown out of a tradition started by the ancient  
7 Greeks in 776 B.C.; and

8       Whereas, North Carolina was well represented by young men and women  
9 who together brought home the proud results of thirteen gold medals and four bronze  
10 medals; and

11       Whereas, the young men and women of the Olympics have earned the respect  
12 and admiration of the citizens of their State, their country, and indeed the world, for  
13 their outstanding qualities, especially of self-discipline and athletic prowess; and

14       Whereas, these Olympians represent the very best of their generation and  
15 have carved out for themselves a place of honor and prominence in the annals of sports  
16 history, in the Tarheel State, and the world; and

17       Whereas, Marion Jones made history at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney,  
18 Australia, by winning a total of five medals, including three gold medals and two bronze  
19 medals in track and field; and

20       Whereas, the world saw Marion Jones and other female athletes stretching  
21 themselves and taking the games to new levels, unafraid to challenge the cultural limits  
22 of the sports world, as these young women chased their dreams in the "land down  
23 under"; and

1           Whereas, Marion Jones, raised in Palmdale, California, and now residing in  
2 Apex, North Carolina, was a track star by age 14, won nine state titles, broke a national  
3 high school record in the 200 meter race, and, as a high school junior, qualified for the  
4 Barcelona Olympic Games in the relay event; and

5           Whereas, Marion Jones attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel  
6 Hill, on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1997, with a degree in journalism and  
7 communications; and

8           Whereas, Marion Jones competed in both track and basketball at UNC Chapel  
9 Hill, and, as a freshman point guard, led the women's basketball team to an NCAA title,  
10 followed by a team invitation to the White House; and

11           Whereas, critics have variously praised Marion Jones as a sports prodigy, the  
12 world's fastest woman, the natural heir to the greatest track and field athletes of the 20<sup>th</sup>  
13 century, Wilma Rudolph, Florence "Flo Jo" Joyner, and Jackie Joyner-Kersey; and also  
14 as the female who will likely transcend sports in the manner of Tiger Woods and  
15 Muhammad Ali; and

16           Whereas, Marion Jones has created for herself a powerful and well-deserved  
17 legacy, even at the young age of 24, and in so doing has become a shining example and  
18 a solid role model for other North Carolina women, as well as women around the world;  
19 Now, therefore,

20 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

21           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives congratulates and expresses  
22 appreciation for the outstanding Olympic accomplishments of all the bright young  
23 North Carolina athletes who have done our State proud by their performance at the 2000  
24 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

25           **SECTION 2.** Ms. Marion Jones is invited to address the House of  
26 Representatives in the Hall of the House of Representatives at 1:00 P.M., April 17,  
27 2001.

28           **SECTION 3.** The House Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of  
29 this resolution to each of the Olympic athletes honored by this resolution.

30           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.