

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1461

Sponsors: Representative Black.

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

June 28, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JACOB
2 WILBERT FORBES, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Jacob Wilbert Forbes was born in Camden County on December
4 31, 1916, to Jacob Foster Forbes and Ida Dozier Forbes; and

5 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes graduated from Oakridge Military Academy in 1934
6 and attended Wake Forest University from 1934 to 1936; and

7 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes married Jerry Louise Wilcox on November 28,
8 1936; and

9 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes was a farmer in Camden County; and

10 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes served with honor and distinction in the House of
11 Representatives from 1953 to 1956; and

12 Whereas, in 1956, Wilbert Forbes was appointed to the North Carolina Burial
13 Commission by Governor Luther Hodges; and

14 Whereas, in 1959, Wilbert Forbes began a long career with the railroad
15 industry, serving as Executive Director of the North Carolina Railroad Association from
16 1959 to 1962, working with Southern Railway from 1964 to 1982, and serving as
17 Resident Executive Vice President of Norfolk Southern Railway in 1982 after Norfolk
18 and Southern Railroads merged; and

19 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes retired from Norfolk Southern Railway in 1994 at
20 the age of 76; and

21 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes generously gave his time and energy to his
22 community, serving as a member of the Hall Masonic Lodge #53 in Currituck County
23 for more than 50 years and also serving as a member of the York Rite Masonic Bodies
24 of Raleigh, Amran Shrine Temple, and Wake County Shrine Club; and

25 Whereas, for a number of years Wilbert Forbes served on the Board of
26 Trustees of Elizabeth City State University; and

27 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes was a lifelong member of Shiloh Baptist Church in
28 Camden County and an associate member of St. John's Baptist Church in Raleigh; and

1 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes was admired and respected by all who knew him;
2 and

3 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes died on March 27, 2000; and

4 Whereas, Wilbert Forbes is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jerry Louise
5 Wilcox Forbes; his children, Ralph Forbes, Marie Forbes Davis, and Ida Forbes
6 Riddick; and nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; Now, therefore,
7 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

8 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Jacob Wilbert
9 Forbes and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his
10 life and devoted service to North Carolina.

11 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the
12 family of Jacob Wilbert Forbes for the loss of their beloved family member.

13 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
14 resolution to the family of Jacob Wilbert Forbes for the loss of a beloved husband,
15 father, and grandfather.

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