

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1778

Sponsors: Representatives Warren; Alexander, Barefoot, Bell, Black, Bonner, Cox, Culpepper, Earle, Easterling, Edwards, Fox, Gibson, Goodwin, Haire, Jeffus, Lucas, McLawhorn, Nye, Owens, Rogers, Saunders, Smith, Sutton, Tolson, Tucker, Weiss, and Wright.

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

July 23, 2002

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LINWOOD
2 EBORN MERCER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer was born on September 12, 1946, in
4 Washington, North Carolina, to Judge Linwood Erastus Mercer and Elsie Eborn
5 Mercer; and

6 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer attended the public schools in Beaufort
7 County and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

8 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer and his family moved to the Town of
9 Farmville in 1974; and

10 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer ran a number of successful businesses,
11 including a warehousing business, a hardware store, and a local commercial real estate
12 business; and

13 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer later consolidated many of his Farmville
14 business operations into one organization and named it The Mercer Group; and

15 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer showed a strong interest in local politics,
16 serving as Mayor of the Town of Farmville from 1979 to 1981, as a member of the Pitt
17 County Board of Commissioners from 1988 to 1993, and as chair of that board from
18 1991 through 1992; and

19 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer served with honor and distinction in the
20 House of Representatives from 1993-1998, contributing as a member of several
21 committees, including Agriculture, Finance, Pensions and Retirement, and
22 Transportation; and

23 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer became a political lobbyist after serving in
24 the General Assembly and in that capacity worked on behalf of numerous organizations
25 and businesses, including the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives, Inc.,
26 Lowes Motor Speedway, Wellpath Community Health Plans, North Carolina Economic
27 Group, Community Financial Services Association, GlaxoSmithKlein, Inc., Central

1 Coastal Plain Capacity Use Area Association, Accenture, AT & T Wireless, Cingular
2 Wireless, North Carolina Hospital Association, Cyntex Construction, North Carolina
3 Society for Respiratory Care, North Carolina Museum of Art Foundation, and Alliance
4 of Automobile Manufacturers; and

5 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer worked diligently for the good of his
6 community, serving as chair of the Farmville Community Arts Council, president of the
7 Farmville Economic Council and Pitt County School Education Foundation, vice-chair
8 of the Pitt County Board of Health, and a member of the Pitt County Development
9 Commission; and

10 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer received several honors and recognitions,
11 including the Farmville Small Business Leader of the Year in 1993 and the Farmville
12 Citizen of the Year in 1996; and

13 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer was active in the Farmville United
14 Methodist Church; and

15 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer died on March 17, 2002; and

16 Whereas, Linwood Eborn Mercer was a devoted husband to his beloved wife,
17 Alice Williams Mercer; a loving father to his daughters Becky Mercer, Sarah Mercer
18 Massey, and Nancy Mercer Ayers; and a loving and proud grandfather to his two
19 grandsons, Clayton Massey and Thomas Ayers; Now, therefore,
20 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

21 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Linwood Eborn
22 Mercer and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for the
23 service he rendered to his community and the State of North Carolina.

24 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the
25 family of Linwood Eborn Mercer for the loss of a beloved family member.

26 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
27 resolution to the family of Linwood Eborn Mercer.

28 **SECTION 4.** This resolution becomes effective upon ratification.