

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1805

Sponsors: Representative Culpepper.

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

September 23, 2002

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF PHILIP
2 PITTMAN GODWIN, SR., FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

4 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. was born in Gatesville, North Carolina,
5 to Adolphus Pilston Godwin, Sr. and Mabel Claire Hayes Godwin; and

6 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. attended Fishburn Military School and
7 Wake Forest University, where he earned a BS degree and an LL.B degree; and

8 Whereas, after law school, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. returned to his
9 hometown of Gatesville and established a successful law practice; and

10 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. was a member of several professional
11 organizations, including the First District Bar Association, President from 1963 to 1964;
12 the North Carolina State Bar; and the North Carolina Bar Association; and

13 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. developed an interest in politics while
14 in law school and during that time served as President of the Young Democrats Club in
15 1955; and

16 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. was elected to the House of
17 Representatives in 1960, where he served until 1972, representing the people of
18 Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans Counties; and

19 Whereas, from 1969 to 1972, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. served as Speaker
20 of the House of Representatives; and

21 Whereas, from 1973 through 1974, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. served as a
22 member of the Senate; and

23 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Philip Pittman Godwin,
24 Sr. made significant contributions to the State and the district he represented both as a
25 member and as a leader of numerous legislative committees and commissions; and

26 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. served as a member of the Executive
27 Committee of the National Conference of State Legislative Leaders and as a member of
28 the Governing Board for the Southern Conference of Council of State Governments;
29 and

1 Whereas, in the years after his service in the General Assembly, Philip
2 Pittman Godwin, Sr. served as a lobbyist and as a member of the North Carolina Board
3 of Transportation; and

4 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. was active in the Gatesville Baptist
5 Church and the Gatesville Masonic Lodge No. 126; and

6 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. served as a Trustee of Chowan College
7 and Wake Forest University; and

8 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. was a veteran of the United States Air
9 Force, serving in the Pacific Theatre during World War II; and

10 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. was a loving husband to his wife, Anita
11 Thomas Freeman Godwin, and a caring father and grandfather; and

12 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. died on December 12, 2001; and

13 Whereas, Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr. is survived by his son, Philip Pittman
14 Godwin, Jr. and two grandchildren, Hannah Pittman Godwin and Philip Pittman
15 Godwin, III; Now, therefore,

16 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

17 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of
18 former member and Speaker of the House of Representatives, Philip Pittman Godwin,
19 Sr. and to express its sympathy to the family and friends of Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr.
20 for the loss of a beloved family member.

21 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
22 resolution to the family of Philip Pittman Godwin, Sr.

23 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.