

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1470

Sponsors: Senators Basnight, Ballance; Albertson, Allran, Ballantine, Berger, Bingham, Carpenter, Carrington, Carter, Clark, Dalton, Dannelly, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Garwood, Gulley, Hagan, Harris, Hartsell, Horton, Hoyle, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, Martin of Pitt, Metcalf, Miller, Moore, Odom, Plyler, Purcell, Rand, Reeves, Robinson, Rucho, Shaw of Cumberland, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Swindell, Thomas, Warren, Webster, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Placed on Calendar 7/9/02.

July 3, 2002

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LUTHER
2 HENRY JORDAN, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. was born on June 1, 1950, in Harlem, New
4 York, and was the son of the late Luther Henry Jordan, Sr. and Daisy Fields Jordan; and

5 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. moved to Wilmington, North Carolina, in
6 1954; and

7 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. graduated from New Hanover High
8 School in 1969 and Gupton Jones College in 1972, and earned a BA degree from Shaw
9 University in 1997; and

10 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. joined the family's funeral home business
11 and later served as President of Jordan's Funeral Home, Inc.; and

12 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. showed a keen interest in public service
13 throughout his life and at the age of 27 was appointed to the Wilmington City Council;
14 and

15 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. served on the City Council for 16 years
16 during which time he also served as Mayor Pro-Tempore, the first African-American to
17 serve in that position; and

18 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. was elected to the North Carolina Senate
19 in 1992 where he served with honor and distinction representing the people of Jones,
20 Lenior, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender Counties for five terms; and

21 Whereas, during his tenure in the Senate, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. made
22 significant contributions as a member of numerous committees, including Commerce,
23 Redistricting, Rules and Operations of the Senate, Pensions & Retirement and Aging,
24 and Information Technology, and provided leadership as chair of the Committee on

1 Transportation and of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety
2 and vice-chair of State and Local Government; and

3 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. served as Majority Whip of the Senate
4 from 1999 to 2002 and was chair of the Legislative Black Caucus from 2001 to 2002;
5 and

6 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. was a devoted and lifelong servant of his
7 community serving many fraternal, civic, and social organizations, including the
8 Shriners-Habib Temple No. 159, the North Carolina Black Municipal Association, the
9 Chamber of Commerce, the Omicron Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, the
10 Wilmington Consistory No. 63, the Wilmington Sportsman Club, and the East Coast
11 Trail Riders; and

12 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. found time to serve on numerous boards
13 and commissions, including the Cape Fear Council Boys Scouts of American Executive
14 Board, the Board of Directors of Sickle Cell Anemia, the Wachovia Board of Directors,
15 Shaw University Board of Directors, the Board of Directors of the Girls Club, the
16 Committee of 100/Regional Housing Board, and the Cape Fear District Funeral
17 Directors Association, on which he served as vice-president; and

18 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. received many special awards and
19 recognitions, including the Man of the Year Award from the Alumni of Winston-Salem
20 State University in 1992, Omega Psi Phi, 6th District Outstanding Service Award in
21 1988, Salute to Greatness Award from Shaw University in 1988, Citizen of the Year of
22 New Hanover County/Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1981, and Outstanding Young Man
23 of the Year from the United States Jaycees in 1981; and

24 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. was honored by the City of Wilmington
25 when the City proclaimed November 12-18, 2001, as Luther H. Jordan, Jr. Week; and

26 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan was active in the Chestnut Street Presbyterian
27 Church in Wilmington, serving as an elder, a deacon, a trustee, and a member of the
28 Men's Council; and

29 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. was a man of quick wit and integrity who
30 was genuinely interested in all the people of his community; and

31 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. was an exceptional communicator, always
32 taking time to listen and offering assistance whenever possible; and

33 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. was a true "man of the people;" and

34 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. was well liked and respected by all who
35 knew him and will be sorely missed; and

36 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. died on April 23, 2002; and

37 Whereas, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory, his
38 daughters Kisha Renee Jordan, Angela Rhodes, and Tamela Malloy, and three
39 grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

41 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Luther Henry
42 Jordan, Jr. and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for
43 his life and service to his community and to the State of North Carolina.

1 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the
2 family and friends of Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. for the loss of a beloved family member
3 and a true friend.

4 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
5 resolution to the family of Luther Henry Jordan, Jr.

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