

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1901

Sponsors: Representatives McCormick, Dollar, Daughtry, Dockham (Primary Sponsors); M. Alexander, Barnhart, Blackwood, Blust, Boles, Brown, Brubaker, Carney, Cleveland, Coates, Cole, Crawford, Current, Folwell, Frye, Gibson, Gillespie, Glazier, Goodwin, Gulley, Harrison, Holliman, Holloway, Hughes, Hurley, Ingle, Justus, Killian, Langdon, Lewis, Love, Lucas, Martin, May, McElraft, McGee, McLawhorn, Mills, Randleman, Rhyne, Sager, Setzer, Spear, Stam, Starnes, Steen, Tarleton, Tillis, Tucker, R. Warren, Weiss, Wiley, and Williams.

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

May 20, 2010

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF GEORGE MILTON
2 HOLMES, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, George Milton Holmes was born in Surry County on June 20, 1929, the
4 son of John William Holmes and Thelma Elizabeth Dobie Holmes; and

5 Whereas, George Milton Holmes graduated from Western High School in
6 Washington, D.C., and obtained an undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University;
7 and

8 Whereas, upon graduating from college, George Milton Holmes served as a teacher
9 and coach for the football, baseball, and basketball teams from 1954 to 1956 at West Yadkin
10 High School; and

11 Whereas, George Milton Holmes joined a family-owned insurance company in
12 1956, later serving as the company's owner and president for a number of years before
13 establishing Holmes and Associates; and

14 Whereas, George Milton Holmes served with honor and distinction for 16 terms in
15 the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1975 to 1976 and from 1979 to 2008; and

16 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, George Milton Holmes served
17 on a number of committees, including Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform, Financial
18 Institutions, Judiciary, Public Utilities, and Appropriations, where he served as cochair from
19 1995 to 1998; and

20 Whereas, George Milton Holmes served as the Minority Whip from 1981 to 1982
21 and as Minority Party Joint Caucus Leader from 1983 to 1984; and

22 Whereas, George Milton Holmes also made significant contributions as a member
23 of the Governor's Crime Study Commission and Fire and Casualty Rate Study Commission and
24 as a member of the Board of Directors of the First Union National Bank in Yadkinville; and

25 Whereas, George Milton Holmes was active in his community, serving as a Shriner
26 of the Oasis Temple and as a member of the Yadkin Masonic Lodge 162, A. F. & A. M.;
27 Winston-Salem Consistory of Scottish Rite; and Flat Rock Baptist Church; and

28 Whereas, George Milton Holmes received numerous honors and awards for his
29 good deeds, including the Distinguished Alumni Award from Appalachian State University,
30 Order of the Long Leaf Pine, and the Yadkin County Commerce Public Service Award; and



1 Whereas, George Milton Holmes was instrumental in helping Appalachian State
2 University obtain funding for a new arena, which was named the George M. Holmes
3 Convocation Center in his honor; and

4 Whereas, George Milton Holmes died on December 31, 2009, at the age of 80; and

5 Whereas, George Milton Holmes is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann Ireland
6 Holmes; daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer Leigh Holmes Crawley and Sid Crawley; and three
7 grandchildren, Amanda Crawley, Megan Crawley, and Jennifer Crawley; and

8 Whereas, George Milton Holmes will be remembered by all who knew him as a
9 man who was devoted to his family, his community, and to public service; Now, therefore,

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

11 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of
12 George Milton Holmes and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its
13 citizens for his life and service to North Carolina.

14 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly of North Carolina expresses its deep sorrow
15 to the family of George Milton Holmes for the loss of a beloved family member.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 resolution to the family of George Milton Holmes.

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