

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2080

Sponsors: Representatives Sutton, Pierce, Cole (Primary Sponsors); and Lucas.

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

June 29, 2010

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JIMMY REESE
2 LOWRY, PUBLIC SERVANT.

3 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry was born on December 16, 1944, in Robeson County
4 to Harvey and Myrtle Lowry; and

5 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry graduated from North Carolina State University,
6 earning a Bachelor of Science degree with honors in Aeronautical Engineering; and

7 Whereas, from 1966 to 1969, Jimmy Reese Lowry worked as an aircraft research
8 engineer for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation in Marietta, Georgia, before joining General
9 Electric, where he became the company's District Sales Manager for both North Carolina and
10 South Carolina became by 1973; and

11 Whereas, in 1977, Jimmy Reese Lowry began what would become a successful
12 career in the automobile industry, serving as dealer and owner of Lowry Chevrolet, Inc., in
13 Tryon, North Carolina, from 1977 to 1987; Vice-President and General Manager of Lyles
14 Companies in High Point, North Carolina, from 1987 to 1992; owner and President of Lowry
15 Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac-Chevrolet-Geo, Inc., in Thomasville, North Carolina, from 1992 to
16 1998; and as President of High Point Chevrolet Jeep, LLC from 1998 to 2002; and

17 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry also spent a number of years as an automobile
18 consultant and served as a member of General Motors Minority Dealer Advisory Council; and

19 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry was a proud member of the Lumbee Tribe and his
20 dedicated service as chair of the Lumbee Self-Determination Commission helped to enrich the
21 lives of the members of the Tribe; and

22 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry rendered distinguished service to the State of North
23 Carolina, serving as the chair of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs from 1977 to
24 1984 and as the State Purchasing Officer during the administration of Governor James B. Hunt
25 from 1982 to 1983; and

26 Whereas, in 2001, Jimmy Reese Lowry was appointed to the Board of Directors of
27 the Charlotte Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and was elected as chair of the
28 Board in 2006; and

29 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry also served as a member of the North Carolina State
30 University Board of Visitors and the Wachovia Bank and Trust Advisory Board; and

31 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry received numerous recognitions for his good deeds,
32 including the Lifetime Achievement Award from the North Carolina Automobile Dealers
33 Association, Distinguished Service Award from the Lumbee Regional Development
34 Association, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine from Governor James B. Hunt in 1981, and The
35 Order of the Old North State from Governor Beverly Eaves Perdue in 2010; and

36 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry was a man of great faith and regularly attended the
37 Covenant United Methodist Church and the Tryon United Methodist Church; and



1 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry died on June 13, 2010, at the age of 65; and
2 Whereas, Jimmy Reese Lowry is survived by his wife of over 45 years, Phyllis Ann
3 Locklear Lowry; a daughter, Jayme Lowry Burmeister; a son, Chad Lowry; a granddaughter,
4 Reece MaryAnn Burmeister; and two brothers, Robby Lowry and Harvey Lowry, Jr.; Now,
5 therefore,

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Jimmy Reese Lowry
8 and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered his
9 community, State, and nation.

10 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
11 Jimmy Reese Lowry for the loss of a beloved family member.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
13 resolution to the family of Jimmy Reese Lowry.

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