

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1301**

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Sponsors:     Senator Soles.

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Referred to:   Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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May 20, 2010

1   A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF W. HORACE  
2     CARTER, PULITZER PRIZE WINNING PUBLISHER.

3         Whereas, W. Horace Carter was born on January 20, 1921, in Stanly County, to  
4   Walter Raleigh Carter and Waulena Florence Lowder Carter; and

5         Whereas, after high school, W. Horace Carter enrolled at the University of North  
6   Carolina at Chapel Hill where he majored in journalism and served as editor of the university's  
7   newspaper during his senior year; and

8         Whereas, W. Horace Carter's college education was briefly interrupted during  
9   World War II when he served in the United States Navy as a member of the Scouts and Raiders  
10  and amphibious forces achieving the rank of Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class; and

11        Whereas, upon graduation from college, W. Horace Carter moved to Tabor City,  
12  North Carolina, and worked for the newly established Tabor City Merchants Association; and

13        Whereas, W. Horace Carter soon after established The Tabor City Tribune  
14  newspaper publishing its first edition on July 6, 1946; and

15        Whereas, in 1953, W. Horace Carter was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious  
16  Public Service, an honor shared with The News Reporter of Whiteville for a four-year  
17  investigation of the Ku Klux Klan that resulted in several members of the Ku Klux Klan being  
18  sent to prison and owing fines; and

19        Whereas, W. Horace Carter also played a role in establishing several other  
20  newspapers which he later sold including the Myrtle Beach Sun, The Conway Herald, and The  
21  Loris Sentinel; and

22        Whereas, W. Horace Carter founded Atlantic Corp., the parent company of the  
23  Tabor-Loris Tribune (formerly known as The Tabor City Tribune); and

24        Whereas, W. Horace Carter retired from his company in 1974 and handed over the  
25  leadership to his son, Rusty Carter; and

26        Whereas, during his retirement, W. Horace Carter found time to write several books  
27  and magazine articles; and

28        Whereas, W. Horace Carter received numerous honors and recognitions for his  
29  many good deeds, including the North Carolina Distinguished Service Award from the North  
30  Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, Tabor City Man of the Year Award, Distinguished  
31  Service Award from the National Editorial Association, and the North Carolina Press  
32  Association Certificate of Merit as well as honorary doctorate degrees from the University of  
33  North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Campbell University, and Coastal Carolina University; and

34        Whereas, W. Horace Carter was named "one of the 100 persons who made the  
35  greatest impact on the lives of the people of North Carolina in the 20th century" by the Raleigh  
36  News and Observer and "one of the 2,000 most outstanding writers of the 20th century" from  
37  an international organization; and



1           Whereas, W. Horace Carter was also honored by the University of North Carolina at  
2 Chapel Hill when an endowed professorship was established in his honor in 2007 at the School  
3 of Journalism and Mass Communications; and

4           Whereas, W. Horace Carter was married to Lucille Miller for 37 years, who was his  
5 partner in the founding of the Tabor City Tribune and the many crusades that followed and was  
6 the mother of their three children; and

7           Whereas, W. Horace Carter died on September 16, 2009, at the age of 88; and

8           Whereas, W. Horace Carter is survived by his wife, Linda Duncan Carter; a son,  
9 Rusty Carter; two daughters, Linda Carter Metzger and Velda Carter Hughes; 10  
10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

12           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of W. Horace Carter and  
13 expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for his many accomplishments and  
14 contributions to journalism.

15           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family of W.  
16 Horace Carter for the loss of a beloved family member.

17           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
18 resolution to the family of W. Horace Carter.

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