

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR15409-LG-193 (10/13)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Vaughan.

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Referred to:

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1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JAMES R. TURNER,  
2       FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3       Whereas, James R. Turner was born in Wilmington, North Carolina, to Reginald  
4    Turner and Marie Terrell Turner; and

5       Whereas, James R. Turner grew up in the cities of Asheboro and Winston-Salem;  
6    and

7       Whereas, James R. Turner received an undergraduate degree from the University of  
8    North Carolina at Chapel Hill graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1956; and

9       Whereas, James R. Turner served in the Naval Reserves for three years retiring with  
10   the rank of Captain; and

11      Whereas, James R. Turner earned a law degree from Yale University in 1962 and  
12   had a successful law career working for a number of firms in Winston-Salem; and

13      Whereas, James R. Turner also represented the Greensboro Housing Authority for a  
14   number of years; and

15      Whereas, James R. Turner was appointed to fill a vacant seat in the State Senate in  
16   1979 and served the General Assembly with honor and distinction for the remainder of the  
17   term; and

18      Whereas, James R. Turner was active in his community serving as a member and  
19   president of the Civitan Club and as a volunteer with the Greensboro Urban Ministry; and

20      Whereas, James R. Turner was active in the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in  
21   Winston-Salem; and

22      Whereas, James R. Turner died on October 8, 2009, at the age of 75; and

23      Whereas, James R. Turner is survived by his wife of 42 years, Dr. Carolyn Simpkins  
24   Turner; a daughter, Susannah Turner Harvell; a son, William Joel Turner; and grandchildren,  
25   Blythe Turner, Will Turner, and Jack Turner; Now, therefore,

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

27       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of James R. Turner and  
28   expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered his  
29   community, State, and nation.

30       **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its sympathy to the family and  
31   friends of James R. Turner for the loss of a beloved family member and friend.

32       **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
33   resolution to the family of James R. Turner.

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

