

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1460

Sponsors: Senators Vaughan; and Dorsett.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

June 29, 2010

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.

