

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR55642-LG-276 (7/7)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Jacumin.

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Referred to:

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1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOHN ARTHUR  
2        FORLINES, JR., FORMER BANKER.

3           Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was born on January 8, 1918, in Graham, North  
4    Carolina, to John A. Forlines Sr., and Nancy Hutchens Forlines; and

5           Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. grew up in the City of Durham and graduated  
6    from Duke University in 1939; and

7           Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. served in the United States Army from 1940 to  
8    1946, where he was assigned to the finance department and achieved the rank of major; and

9           Whereas, after his service in the army, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. returned to Durham,  
10   where he served as Secretary-Treasurer for Dailey's Inc.; and

11          Whereas, in 1954, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. moved to Granite Falls, North Carolina,  
12   to take over the leadership of the Bank of Granite; and

13          Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. led the bank for 52 years, turning the institution  
14   into one of the most lucrative community banks in the nation; and

15          Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. proudly served his profession as President of the  
16   North Carolina Bankers Association and was inducted into the North Carolina Business Hall of  
17   Fame in 1999 and the North Carolina Bankers Hall of Fame in 2001; and

18          Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was loyal to his alma mater, serving two terms as  
19   a trustee of Duke University, and as a member of the Duke University Management  
20   Corporation, the Duke University Athletics Advisory Board, and as President of the Duke  
21   University Half-Century Club; and

22          Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. received numerous honors from Duke  
23   University, including the Distinguished Alumni Award in 1994 and the University Medal for  
24   Distinguished Meritorious Service in 2008, which is the University's highest honor; and

25          Whereas, John Arthur Forlines was also honored by the Duke University Trustees  
26   Emeriti, who named the University's alumni house, the John A. Forlines, Jr. Alumni House, in  
27   2009; and

28          Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. served his community and State in many  
29   capacities, including serving on the Board of Caldwell County's Hospice and Palliative Care, an  
30   organization that he helped to establish; President of the Catawba Valley Executive Club;  
31   President of the North Carolina Chamber of Commerce; Chair of the State Board of  
32   Community Colleges from 1985 to 1990; and Chair of the Board of Trustees for Caldwell  
33   Community College and Technical Institute from 1965 to 1984; and

34          Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was recognized for many of his good deeds; he  
35   received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2004, the National Hospice  
36   Foundation's Volunteer of the Year Award in 1997, and the Lenoir Rhyne University Business



1 Leader of the Year Award in 1996, and he was the recipient of the Terry Sanford Lifetime  
2 Achievement Award in 2002 and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2006; and

3       Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was a member of the First Presbyterian Church  
4 in Lenoir, where he served as an elder; and

5       Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. died on July 6, 2010, at the age of 92; and

6       Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. was preceded in death by his wife, Julia Dunn  
7 Forlines; and

8       Whereas, John Arthur Forlines, Jr. is survived by his children, Judith Tarlton, Joy  
9 Crosby, John A. Forlines III, and Jane Forlines; grandchildren, Phillip Couch, Laurel Crosby,  
10 John David Crosby, Megan Forlines, Molly Forlines, John A. Forlines IV, Justin Greenhill, and  
11 Julia Greenhill; and a sister, Martha Forney; Now, therefore,

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

13       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of John Arthur Forlines,  
14 Jr. and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered his  
15 profession, community, State, and nation.

16       **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of  
17 John Arthur Forlines, Jr. for the loss of a beloved family member.

18       **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
19 resolution to the family of John Arthur Forlines, Jr.

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