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**SENATE RESOLUTION 94**

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Sponsors: Senators Robinson, Clark, Smith (Primary Sponsors); Daniel, deViere, Garrett, Lowe, Nickel, Steinburg, Waddell, and Woodard.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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1 A SENATE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND  
2 TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY FOR ITS LONG AND STORIED  
3 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF  
4 AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND OTHER DIVERSE STUDENTS AND  
5 CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY'S FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE  
6 2018 HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES NATIONAL  
7 CHAMPIONSHIP.

8       Whereas, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (N.C. A&T)  
9 was founded in 1891, in response to the Second Morrill Act passed by the U.S. Congress in 1890;  
10 and

11       Whereas, N.C. A&T is a land-grant doctoral university, with "higher research  
12 activity," as ranked by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, and is  
13 among North Carolina's three most productive public research campuses; and

14       Whereas, N.C. A&T was ranked No. 2 in 2017 by U.S. News & World Report among  
15 public historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and is the largest HBCU; and

16       Whereas, according to U.S. Department of Education data reported in the magazine  
17 *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*, N.C. A&T ranks:

- 18       (1) No. 1 in the United States in undergraduate graduation of African-Americans  
19 with a degree in engineering and No. 1 in graduation of African-Americans  
20 with a master's degree in mathematics and statistics.
- 21       (2) No. 2 in the United States in undergraduate graduation of African-Americans  
22 with a degree in engineering technology and engineering-related studies;  
23 parks, recreation, and leisure studies; and agriculture; and No. 2 in graduation  
24 of African-Americans with a master's degree in engineering and physical  
25 sciences; and

26       Whereas, N.C. A&T's vast alumni include: Ronald McNair, physicist and NASA  
27 astronaut, who died during the launch of Space Shuttle Challenger in 1986; U.S. Representative  
28 Alma Adams, who also served nearly two decades in the North Carolina House of  
29 Representatives; Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr., prominent civil rights leader; the A&T Four, Jibreel  
30 Khazan, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain (deceased), and David Richmond (deceased), whose  
31 brave sit-in at the Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro helped spark the desegregation of  
32 dining facilities across the South; former NBA player and current Golden State Warriors vice  
33 president Alvin Attles; and current university Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr.; and

34       Whereas, Chancellor Martin was listed as one of five university leaders to watch in  
35 2018 by *Education Dive*, an online publication that provides news and analysis for higher  
36 education and K-12 leaders, and named among the Triad's Most Admired CEOs by the Triad  
37 Business Journal in 2016; and



1           Whereas, in addition to N.C. A&T's long history of providing an academic  
2 environment in which students thrive and excel, the University also has an outstanding record of  
3 excellence and accomplishments in its athletic programs; and

4           Whereas, on December 15, 2018, N.C. A&T football team (the Aggies) defeated  
5 Alcorn State University by a score of 24-22 during the 2018 Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl  
6 held in Atlanta, Georgia; and

7           Whereas, the Celebration Bowl determines the national champion among HBCUs;  
8 and

9           Whereas, N.C. A&T has won three of the four championships since the Celebration  
10 Bowl began in 2015; and

11           Whereas, on the road to the 2018 national championship title, the Aggies defeated  
12 Jacksonville State University, East Carolina University, Gardner-Webb University, South  
13 Carolina State University, Delaware State University, Bethune-Cookman University, Norfolk  
14 State University, Savannah State University, and North Carolina Central University; and

15           Whereas, the Aggies finished their 2018 season with a record of 10-2 and ranked 11th  
16 in the nation in the FCS STATS Media Poll and 12th in the American Football Coaches  
17 Association (AFCA) coaches poll; and

18           Whereas, the team received a ranking of No. 1 in the BoxToRow coaches poll for  
19 HBCUs, an honor the team has earned three times in four years; and

20           Whereas, the Aggies also won their fourth Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC)  
21 title in five years; and

22           Whereas, Head Football Coach Sam Washington was named the MEAC Coach of the  
23 Year, an outstanding honor for the first-year head coach; and

24           Whereas, several individual team members were recognized for their efforts during  
25 the season and were selected to All-American and All-Conference teams, including Senior Micah  
26 Shaw, who was named the MEAC Offensive Lineman of the Year, and Darryl Johnson, Jr., who  
27 was named the MEAC's Defensive MVP; and

28           Whereas, the Aggies' past and current athletic prowess and victories on the field give  
29 its alumni and supporters cause and frequent occasion to shout their mantra, "Aggie Pride"; and

30           Whereas, N.C. A&T's outstanding academic and athletic accomplishments have  
31 brought honor, distinction, and pride to the State of North Carolina and thus deserve recognition  
32 by the State; Now, therefore,

33 Be it resolved by the Senate:

34           **SECTION 1.** The Senate recognizes and supports North Carolina Agricultural and  
35 Technical State University for its dedication and commitment to educating students in varied  
36 fields of graduate and undergraduate study; for its successes in creating leaders in science,  
37 technology, and other areas; and for its successes in its athletic programs, including football.

38           **SECTION 2.** The Senate congratulates the Aggies of North Carolina Agricultural  
39 and Technical State University on their 2018 Air Force Reserve Celebration Bowl victory.

40           **SECTION 3.** The Senate appreciates the efforts of each and every member of the  
41 2018 football team of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and their head  
42 coach.

43           **SECTION 4.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to  
44 Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr., Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Earl Hilton III, and Head  
45 Football Coach Sam Washington.

46           **SECTION 5.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.