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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR40056-LG-12

Sponsors: Representative Pierce.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DOUGLAS YATES
2 YONGUE, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Douglas Yates Yongue was born March 20, 1937, in Lumberton, North
4 Carolina, to Robert Eugene Yongue, Jr., and Elizabeth Gibson Yongue; and

5 Whereas, Doug Yongue graduated from Laurinburg High School in 1955, then
6 furthered his education by attending Edwards Military Institute, where he received an associate
7 degree in 1957, and East Carolina University, where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in
8 Industrial Arts in 1959 and a master's degree in Industrial Arts and Administration in 1960. He
9 later obtained a Ph.D. in Education from Nova University in 1986; and

10 Whereas, Doug Yongue served as a teacher, coach, principal, and superintendent for
11 33 years. He was also a real estate agent and a licensed contractor who built and renovated many
12 homes in Scotland County and other nearby communities; and

13 Whereas, Doug Yongue was an accomplished woodworker, who spent many hours in
14 his workshop building furniture, cutting boards, wine racks, quilt racks, and many other quality
15 items; and

16 Whereas, Doug Yongue was appointed to the North Carolina House of
17 Representatives in 1994 and went on to serve with honor and distinction for eight terms until
18 2011. He was a member of numerous committees, including Education, Ethics, Rules, and
19 Appropriations, of which he served as cochair; and

20 Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Doug Yongue focused on issues relating
21 to education and was especially supportive of legislation that helped improve educational
22 opportunities for students in rural areas of the State. He worked with members on both sides of
23 the aisle to help improve the State's education laws and, at one time, set up a meeting space
24 outside of his office to provide a place, during legislative sessions, for lobbyists and other
25 stakeholders to gather and discuss education issues; and

26 Whereas, Doug Yongue was actively engaged with the Public School Forum of North
27 Carolina, serving many years on its Board of Directors and Executive Committee; and

28 Whereas, after retiring from the General Assembly, Doug Yongue, a humble, kind
29 man who valued his relationships with people, kept in touch with friends in Laurinburg, Raleigh,
30 and Washington, D.C., and participated in events in those places as often as he could; and

31 Whereas, Doug Yongue served his community and the State in many other capacities,
32 including serving as a member of the Lumberton and Laurinburg Rotary Clubs, Phi Delta Kappa,
33 United Methodist Men, Southeastern Regional Education Board, North Carolina Home Builders
34 Association, Board of Trustees of Robeson Community College, Southeastern Cancer Institute
35 Board of Trustees, and Scotland County Democratic Party, of which he was chair; and

36 Whereas, Doug Yongue received numerous awards and recognitions, including the
37 Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in 2009, Distinguished



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1 Friend of Education from the North Carolina State Board of Education in 2008, and Champion
2 for Children from the North Carolina Association of School Administrators in 2007; and

3 Whereas, Doug Yongue, a devout member of the Methodist faith, served as a charter
4 member of Saint Luke United Methodist Church in Laurinburg; and

5 Whereas, Doug Yongue had such a great love for and dedication to his dogs, a
6 Dalmatian named Sparky and a Doberman named Doby, that he had special license plates made
7 for his vehicles with the inscriptions "Doby 1" and "Doby 2," and he often took Doby for rides
8 around town; and

9 Whereas, Doug Yongue died on March 21, 2019, at the age of 82; and

10 Whereas, Doug Yongue is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mildred Hurley Yongue,
11 and two children, Douglas Yongue, Jr., and Beth Yongue; and

12 Whereas, Doug Yongue will always be remembered for his statesmanship, integrity,
13 kindness, hard work, generosity, commitment to education issues, and his deep and unabiding
14 love for his family and friends. He was admired, respected, and loved by those who knew him
15 and had the privilege to work with him; Now, therefore,

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

17 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Douglas Yates Yongue,
18 former member of the House of Representatives, and expresses its appreciation and admiration
19 for his life of service to the people of Hoke, Robeson, and Scotland Counties and to the State of
20 North Carolina.

21 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
22 Douglas Yates Yongue for the loss of a beloved family member.

23 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
24 to the family of Douglas Yates Yongue.

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