

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1114

Sponsors: Representative Beard.

Referred to: Rules.

April 6, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CHARLES
2 EDWARD "CHARLIE" JONES, SR., "MR. DEMOCRAT".

3 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was born on June 2, 1890, in
4 St. Pauls; and

5 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was the third son of Charles
6 Wesley and Mary Frances Smith Jones; and

7 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., moved to Cumberland County
8 in 1919; and

9 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was a farmer and family man
10 who loved his church and devoted himself to many civic and political activities; and

11 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was a member of the Camp
12 Ground Methodist Church for 56 years and served his church in numerous capacities,
13 including his lifetime membership in the United Methodist Men; membership on the
14 administrative board for more than 50 years; as lay leader; as president of the men's
15 bible class; as a delegate to the annual North Carolina Methodist Conference; as a
16 district steward in the Fayetteville Methodist District; and

17 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was honored by the North
18 Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at Methodist College on
19 his 90th birthday; and

20 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr.'s civic activities, includes his
21 service as director of the Cumberland County United Fund, for the Polio Chapter,
22 Tuberculosis Association and Red Cross; his service as president of the Cumberland
23 County Farm Bureau; his membership in former Governor Scott's Traffic Safety

1 Council in 1950; his appointment by President Kennedy to the Selective Service Appeal
2 Board for eastern North Carolina; and his membership in the Seventy-First Ruritan
3 Club; and

4 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was a lifelong worker for the
5 Democratic Party; and

6 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was a member of the
7 Cumberland County Democratic Executive Committee and served more than 20 years
8 as chairman of the executive committee of Beaver Lake Precinct/Seventy-First
9 Township; and

10 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was better known in
11 Fayetteville as "Mr. Democrat"; and

12 Whereas, shortly before his death, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., said,
13 "If I could talk to those young Democrats one more time, I would tell them to be loyal
14 to their party. There may be things sometimes they may not like, don't criticize, just
15 recognize there needs to be improvement, or change, and work hard to make your party
16 the best party. It is good to have a two-party system, so you will always be aware you
17 have to keep the Democrats the best."; and

18 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., also loved his fellowman and
19 said, "I believe in the dignity of mankind; that government should serve all men, not just
20 a privileged few."; and

21 Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., died on January 12, 1982;

22 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

23 Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of
24 Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this
25 State and its citizens, particularly of the people of Cumberland County, for his life and
26 service to North Carolina.

27 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
28 to the family of Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr.

29 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.