

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1730*

Sponsors: Representatives James; Culpepper and Mosley.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

May 26, 1994

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SMOKEY BEAR DAY.

2 Whereas, forest fires threaten thousands of acres of valuable forestland in
3 North Carolina each year; and

4 Whereas, a significant rise in woodland home development in North Carolina
5 has increased the risk of forest fires in residential areas; and

6 Whereas, most of North Carolina's forest fires are started by people and
7 therefore are preventable; and

8 Whereas, Smokey Bear, the nation's most widely known guardian of our
9 forests, has reminded all Americans of the value of our natural resources through his
10 important message, "Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires"; and

11 Whereas, Smokey Bear, over the course of 50 years, has become one of the
12 most effective symbols and tools for educating the public, especially children, about the
13 necessity for fire prevention; and

14 Whereas, North Carolina is committed to protecting and conserving the
15 natural resources that contribute to the quality of life for its citizens and is committed to
16 the continued education of its young people; Now, therefore,

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

18 Section 1. The General Assembly hereby proclaims August 9, 1994, to be
19 Smokey Bear Day in North Carolina, in conjunction with the national celebration of
20 Smokey Bear's 50th anniversary. The General Assembly urges the citizens of North
21 Carolina to continue to heed Smokey Bear's message to protect the forestlands of our
22 State.

23 Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.