

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 398

Sponsors: Representatives Hiatt, Gamble; Ramsey, G. Wilson, and Baker.

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

March 5, 1997

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF BASIL DUKE
2 BARR, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr was born on November 4, 1894, in Jefferson,
4 North Carolina, to Felix Barr and Blanche Duke Barr; and

5 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr graduated from Jefferson High School in 1917,
6 and North Carolina State University in 1921, where he received a degree in engineering;
7 and

8 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr married Mabel Phillips in 1922, and from their
9 union, three children were born; and

10 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr proudly served his county as a member of the
11 United States Army, serving in both World Wars; and

12 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr was a skilled and well-known engineer, spending
13 most of his professional career in Alaska; and

14 Whereas, while in Alaska, Basil Duke Barr was an avid sportsman and big
15 game hunter and wrote several books on big game hunting; and

16 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr retired as a Lt. Colonel from the Corps of
17 Engineers in 1954; and

18 Whereas, upon his return to North Carolina, Basil Duke Barr opened a
19 custom furniture shop in Jefferson, which became one of the most well-known furniture
20 shops in North Carolina; and

21 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr was a skilled cabinetmaker much in demand and
22 his furniture was used in many fine homes throughout the South; and

1 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr served with honor and distinction in the House of
2 Representatives during the 1965, 1967, and 1969 Sessions of the General Assembly;
3 and

4 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr worked unselfishly for the betterment of his
5 community as a member of many civic and fraternal organizations including the
6 Masonic Order and the American Legion; and

7 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr constructed the first hydroelectric dam on the New
8 River in Ashe County and designed and built the first stone school in Ashe County; and

9 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr was active in the Baptist Church; and

10 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr died on February 3, 1997, and leaves children,
11 other relatives, and friends to mourn; and

12 Whereas, Basil Duke Barr will be remembered for his keen mind and gentle
13 personality that reflected mountain qualities and mountain intellect; Now, therefore,
14 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

15 Section 1. The General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation for the life
16 of Basil Duke Barr and for the great service he rendered to the Nation, the State of
17 North Carolina, and his community.

18 Section 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family
19 of Basil Duke Barr for the loss of its distinguished member.

20 Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
21 resolution to the family of Basil Duke Barr.

22 Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.