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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR15036-LG-19B* (01/15)

Sponsors: Senators Bryant, Davis, and Jenkins (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF EDWARD "ED"
2 WALTER JONES, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Edward "Ed" Walter Jones was born on March 11, 1950, in Asheville,
4 North Carolina, to James Jones and Dorothy Miller Jones Gaines; and

5 Whereas, Ed Jones attended public schools and Blanton's Business College in
6 Asheville, graduated from Western Piedmont College in Morganton, and completed the North
7 Carolina State Administrative Officer's Program in Raleigh; and

8 Whereas, upon graduation from college, Ed Jones entered the military and served in
9 the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army; and

10 Whereas, after leaving the army, Ed Jones served as a deputy for the Buncombe
11 County Sheriff's Department prior to training at the North Carolina Justice Academy; and

12 Whereas, Ed Jones became a highway patrol officer in 1975, receiving a promotion
13 to sergeant in 1985 and to first sergeant in 1995; and

14 Whereas, Ed Jones was recognized as Officer of the Year for Hertford and Bertie
15 Counties; and

16 Whereas, upon his retirement from the State Highway Patrol in 2000, Ed Jones
17 served as the Chief of Police for the Town of Enfield and then as the Town's mayor; and

18 Whereas, in 2005, Ed Jones was appointed to fill an unexpired term in the House of
19 Representatives, representing the citizens of Halifax and Nash Counties for one term; and

20 Whereas, in 2007, Ed Jones was appointed to the Senate to fill an unexpired term
21 and went on to be elected to three additional terms, representing the citizens of the Counties of
22 Bertie, Chowan, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, and Perquimans; and

23 Whereas, as the only retired State Trooper ever elected to the State Senate, Ed Jones
24 took a special interest in the area of crime control and public safety; and

25 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Ed Jones served with honor
26 and distinction as co-chair of the State and Local Government Committee, vice-chair of the
27 Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, vice-chair of Judiciary II
28 Committee (Criminal), and as a member of the following committees: Appropriations
29 Subcommittee on Natural and Economic Resources, Education/Public Instruction, Health Care,
30 Joint Select Committee on Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Management Recovery, Joint
31 Select Committee on Tornado Damage Response, Mental Health and Youth Services,
32 Redistricting, Rules and Operations of the Senate, and Select Committee on Government and
33 Election Reform; and

34 Whereas, Ed Jones was the first African-American to serve as a Trustee of Chowan
35 University in Murfreesboro, North Carolina; and



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1 Whereas, Ed Jones served as the president of the Halifax County Law Enforcement
2 Association, vice-president of the Halifax County Inter-Governmental Association, and as a
3 member of the Governor's Crime Commission; and

4 Whereas, Ed Jones was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Halifax Boys
5 and Girls Club and a member of the National Conference of Black Mayors, the North Carolina
6 Black Mayors Association, the National Legislative Caucus, the North Carolina Legislative
7 Black Caucus; and

8 Whereas, Ed Jones was recognized as an Honorary Pine Tree Chief by the Meherrin
9 Indian Nation and also received numerous other statewide and local awards and honors; and

10 Whereas, Ed Jones was a loyal and devoted member of his church, St. Paul Baptist
11 Church of Enfield, North Carolina, where he served as a trustee; and

12 Whereas, Ed Jones was a man who was committed to helping others and truly lived
13 by his motto, "It is not about the titles we possess, it is about the job we do;" and

14 Whereas, Ed Jones died December 14, 2012, after a lifetime of public service; and

15 Whereas, Ed Jones is survived by his wife, Maryann Holden Jones; two daughters,
16 Alesha Jones Garrett (Donzell) and Andrea Long (Lanier); and three granddaughters, Farrah
17 Long and Karisma and Karmyn Garrett; Now, therefore,
18 Be it resolved by the Senate:

19 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Edward "Ed"
20 Walter Jones and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered to his community, the
21 State of North Carolina, and the nation.

22 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
23 Edward "Ed" Walter Jones for the loss of a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
25 resolution to the family of Edward "Ed" Walter Jones.

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