

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 48*

Sponsors: Representatives Hackney; Baddour, Haire, Miller, Goodwin, Barefoot, and Culpepper.

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

February 9, 1999

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF PLATT D. WALKER, THE
2 FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, ON THE
3 ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR
4 ASSOCIATION.

5 Whereas, the North Carolina Bar Association was founded on February 10,
6 1899, by a group of 62 lawyers, who convened in Raleigh at the North Carolina Supreme
7 Court; and

8 Whereas, Platt D. Walker was elected the first President on February 10, 1899
9 at the first organizational meeting of the Association; and

10 Whereas, the Association was organized to promote the administration of
11 justice throughout the State, advance the science of jurisprudence, maintain the standard
12 of honor in the profession, and establish cordial intercourse among the members; and

13 Whereas, the 1899 General Assembly enacted a statute on March 6, 1899,
14 incorporating and bestowing upon the Association legal status as a recognized
15 professional association within the State; and

16 Whereas, the Association held its first annual meeting July 5-7, 1899, in
17 Morehead City, with 114 lawyers in attendance; and

18 Whereas, since its formation, the Association has used its resources to support
19 lawyers and local Bar organizations throughout North Carolina; and

20 Whereas, the Association has enhanced the quality of life for all citizens of the
21 State and advanced the public confidence in the legal profession; and

1 Whereas, many lawyers serving our State in the General Assembly and its
2 leadership have been members of the Association; and

3 Whereas, during its 100 years of service, the Association has been instrumental
4 in providing leadership and encouraging the highest standards of integrity, competence,
5 civility, and well-being of all members of the legal profession; and

6 Whereas, the goals of the Association during the celebration of its centennial
7 are:

8 (1) To inspire lawyers to the highest ideals of professionalism and service.

9 (2) To foster and protect the fundamental role of lawyers to sustain the rule
10 of law in our free society.

11 (3) To challenge all citizens to strengthen our system of justice for the 21st
12 century.

13 (4) To assist the General Assembly in its important duty of enacting sound
14 legislation for the betterment of all North Carolinians through drafting,
15 and research and as a resource; and

16 Whereas, it is only fitting that the Association be commended for its 100 years
17 of continuous service; Now, therefore,

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

19 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Platt D.
20 Walker and expresses appreciation for the contributions he made to the North Carolina
21 Bar Association. The General Assembly recognizes the historic accomplishments of the
22 North Carolina Bar Association and congratulates the organization on 100 years of
23 dedicated commitment to serve the public and the legal profession by promoting the
24 administration of justice and encouraging the highest standards of integrity, competence,
25 civility, and well-being of all members of the profession. The General Assembly further
26 wishes to thank the volunteers and staff who have contributed to the growth and
27 development of this distinguished Association.

28 Section 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
29 resolution to the President of the North Carolina Bar Association.

30 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.