

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR70008-LG-13 (1/2)

Sponsors: Representatives Glazier, Parmon, Folwell, and Dockham (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2007 MEN'S SOCCER TEAM AT WAKE
2 FOREST UNIVERSITY ON WINNING A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

3 Whereas, on December 16, 2007, the men's soccer team at Wake Forest University
4 won the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) College Cup Title, defeating Ohio
5 State by a score of 2-1; and

6 Whereas, this achievement gave Wake Forest University its first NCAA men's
7 soccer national championship title; and

8 Whereas, the men's soccer team finished its 2007 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC)
9 season with a record of 6-1-1 and an overall record of 22-2-2, the best in school history; and

10 Whereas, many individual team members were recognized for their efforts during
11 the year, including Marcus Tracy, who was named the NCAA tournament's Most Valuable
12 Offensive Player, and Brian Edwards, who was named the NCAA tournament's Most Valuable
13 Defensive Player; and

14 Whereas, Cody Amoux, Pat Phelan, and Sam Cronin were named all-Americans by
15 the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA); and

16 Whereas, Corben Bone was named the ACC's Freshman of the Year and selected to
17 the First Team All-Freshman squad by Soccer America along with teammate, Ike Opara; and

18 Whereas, Pat Phelan and Julian Valentin were selected to play for the U.S. National
19 teams; and

20 Whereas, Wake Forest's successful season earned head coach Jay Vidovich the 2007
21 NSCAA Coach of the Year Award and the 2008 Walt Chyzowych Achievement Award, an
22 honor given to coaches who have had a national impact in the development and growth of
23 soccer and its athletes; and

24 Whereas, Coach Vidovich has never had a losing season, achieving an overall
25 record of 187-81-27 at the end of his 14th season at Wake Forest; and

26 Whereas, from 1980 through 2007, the men's soccer program has achieved an
27 overall record of 305-191-61; and

28 Whereas, members of the men's soccer team should also be commended for being
29 active participants in the community and serving as role models for young soccer players across
30 the State and nation; and

31 Whereas, the success of the men's soccer program along with the many academic
32 achievements of the students is part of a long-standing tradition of excellence at Wake Forest
33 University and a fitting memorial to Samuel Wait, a proponent and early leader of the
34 University, who served as principal when the school was founded as Wake Forest Institute in
35 1834 and as president of Wake Forest College from 1838 to 1845; and



1 Whereas, these extraordinary accomplishments of the players and coaches of the
2 men's soccer program bring great honor and distinction to the State of North Carolina and
3 deserve recognition; Now, therefore,

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses the appreciation and admiration of
6 the people of North Carolina to the men's soccer team at Wake Forest University for winning
7 the 2007 NCAA College Cup championship and recognizes the achievements of the members
8 of that team: Lyle Adams, Cody Amoux, Cline Beam, Corben Bone, Evan Brown, Austin
9 Chelko, Will Clayton, Russ Coleman, Nick Courtney, Sam Cronin, Austin da Luz, Brian
10 Edwards, Akira Fitzgerald, Jamie Franks, Alimer Gonzalez, Josh Henke, Mike Lahoud, Jeff
11 Leach, Justin Lichtfuss, David Murphy, Ike Opara, Patrick Phelan, Dylan Sansone, Zack
12 Schilawski, Ryan Swaim, Marcus Tracy, and Julian Valentin; head coach Jay Vidovich;
13 assistant coaches Jon Lowery and Carson Porter; and other staff members.

14 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Samuel Wait for his
15 many contributions to Wake Forest University and the State of North Carolina.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 resolution to Wake Forest University President Nathan O. Hatch, Athletic Director Ron
18 Wellman, and Coach Jay Vidovich.

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