

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 383  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H383-PCS80179-SU-11**

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March 4, 2009

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDER OF THE HOUSE OF FLAGS  
2 MUSEUM.

3       Whereas, the House of Flags Museum opened on September 8, 2001, in a temporary  
4 facility in Green Creek, North Carolina; and

5       Whereas, the House of Flags Museum has a collection of more than 300 national,  
6 international, state, military, and religious flags, including 27 full-size official United States  
7 flags from 1776 to 1960; and

8       Whereas, the Museum's mission is to provide a unique tourist destination in North  
9 Carolina dedicated to nurturing and promoting patriotism, flag etiquette, and historical  
10 understanding of the evolution of our nation's flag through flag displays and a variety of  
11 education programs and activities for all visitors; and

12       Whereas, Museum visitors can take guided or self-guided tours or watch educational  
13 videos to learn about the flags in the collection, all of which were donated by local veterans,  
14 citizens, and visitors or purchased through donations; and

15       Whereas, plans have been made to establish a permanent facility to house the House  
16 of Flags Museum in Columbus, North Carolina; and

17       Whereas, the House of Flags Museum was founded by George Scofield and the  
18 members of the VFW Post 9116; and

19       Whereas, George Scofield worked tirelessly to instill patriotism in younger  
20 generations and was widely known for using the phrase "31 Words, Three Commas," which he  
21 used to refer to the Pledge of Allegiance; and

22       Whereas, George Scofield served as the curator of the Museum prior to his death on  
23 November 25, 2008; Now, therefore,

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

25       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses its support for the House of Flags  
26 Museum in its efforts to promote patriotism and tourism in the State.

27       **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of George  
28 Scofield and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered to his community, State, and  
29 nation, including founding the House of Flags Museum.

30       **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
31 resolution to the House of Flags Museum.

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



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