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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR35017-LG-8C (12/05)

Sponsors: Senators Randleman, P. Berger, and Apodaca (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DON W. EAST,
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Don W. East was born in Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, on December
4 26, 1944, to Ralph and Viola Hall East; and

5 Whereas, Don W. East graduated from East Surry High School in 1962 and
6 furthered his education by taking classes at Forsyth Technical College; and

7 Whereas, Don W. East retired from the Winston-Salem Police Department in 1984
8 after 20 years of service and owned a small farm; and

9 Whereas, Don W. East began his political career as a member of the Surry County
10 Board of Commissioners from 1984 to 1992; and

11 Whereas, Don W. East served seven terms in the North Carolina General Assembly
12 as a member of the Senate from 1995 to 2000 and from 2005 to 2012; and

13 Whereas, during his tenure, Senator East made significant contributions as a
14 member of numerous committees, serving as cochair of Agriculture/Environment/Natural
15 Resources and Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources and as a member of
16 Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Appropriations/Base Budget, Insurance, Judiciary
17 II, Program Evaluation, State and Local Government, and Transportation; and

18 Whereas, Don W. East's community involvement included membership in the
19 Ararat Long Hill Ruritan Club; and

20 Whereas, Don W. East died on October 22, 2012, at the age of 67; and

21 Whereas, Don W. East was married to the late Connie Needham East and is
22 survived by his daughter Gina Southern and son-in-law Mickey Southern; two grandsons,
23 Matthew Southern and Jacob Southern; one brother, R.J. East; and two sisters, Rachel Taylor
24 and Shelby Tucker; Now, therefore,

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

26 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Senator Don W. East
27 and expresses appreciation for his life and service to the people of his community and this
28 State.

29 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of
30 Don W. East for the loss of a beloved family member.

31 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
32 resolution to the family of Don W. East.

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



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