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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR30322-LG-72B (03/11)

Sponsors: Representatives Jones, Mobley, Arp, and Starnes (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GOVERNOR'S PROCLAMATION FOR A
2 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

3 Whereas, Americans celebrate the National Day of Prayer annually on the first
4 Thursday of May; and

5 Whereas, the modern law formalizing its observance traces its historical origins to a
6 mandate by George Washington, the first President of the United States; and

7 Whereas, this is a day when Americans are encouraged to "turn to God in prayer and
8 meditation"; and

9 Whereas, our State Constitution begins, "We, the people of the State of North
10 Carolina, grateful to Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler of Nations, for the preservation of the
11 American Union and the existence of our civil, political and religious liberties, and
12 acknowledging our dependence upon Him for the continuance of those blessings to us and our
13 posterity"; and

14 Whereas, we join with the authors of our Constitution being grateful to Almighty
15 God for the existence of our liberties, and we acknowledge our dependence upon Him for the
16 continuance of His blessings to us and our posterity; and

17 Whereas, our State has great challenges before us; we are dependent on God and
18 need prayer; Now, therefore,
19 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

20 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of President George
21 Washington for his role in establishing a mandate that would help lead later to the annual
22 observance of the National Day of Prayer.

23 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly supports Governor Pat McCrory's
24 proclamation for a North Carolina Week of Prayer in conjunction with the National Day of
25 Prayer and encourages our citizens to turn to God in prayer on behalf of our State.

26 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly encourages the citizens of North Carolina to
27 pray for our State year-round and to also observe this designated week.

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

