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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR35101-LG-51C*

Sponsors: Senators Brown, D. Davis, and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF WALTER B. JONES,
2 JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., was born on February 10, 1943, in Farmville, North
4 Carolina, to Walter B. Jones, Sr., and Doris Long Jones; and

5 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., graduated from Hargrave Military Academy in
6 Chatham, Virginia in 1961, and earned a bachelor's degree from Atlantic Christian College (now
7 Barton College) in Wilson, North Carolina in 1966; and

8 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., served in the National Guard from 1967 to 1971 and,
9 after which time, began a career in business; and

10 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., was an outstanding public servant throughout his life,
11 having rendered distinguished service as a member of the North Carolina House of
12 Representatives from 1983 to 1992, serving as chair of the Human Resources Committee and as
13 a member of the Appropriations, Ethics, and Local Government Committees; and

14 Whereas, in 1995, Walter B. Jones, Jr., was elected to the United States House of
15 Representatives, following in the footsteps of his father, who served in Congress until his death
16 in 1992; and

17 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., represented the citizens of the Third District with honor
18 and distinction for 12 consecutive terms until 2019 and, during that time, actively supported the
19 military as a member of the Armed Services Committee; and

20 Whereas, Congressman Jones was a passionate defender of the wild horses of North
21 Carolina's Outer Banks. His legislation, the Shackleford Banks Wild Horse Protection Act, was
22 passed into law in 1998 and stands as a national model for bringing the public and private sectors
23 together to save America's wildlife; and

24 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., served his community and State in many capacities,
25 including as Director of the Pitt County Mental Health Association and as a member of the North
26 Carolina Library Committee, Consumer and Advocacy Advisory Committee for the Blind, North
27 Carolina Council for Hearing Impaired, Governor's Advocacy Council on Youth and Children,
28 and the Foundation Board of the Eastern North Carolina Vocational Center; and

29 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., was a devout member of the Catholic faith; and

30 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., was well-known for his integrity and was respected,
31 admired, and loved by those who knew him and had the privilege to work with him; and

32 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., died on February 10, 2019, at the age of 76; and

33 Whereas, Walter B. Jones, Jr., was a beloved husband to his wife of 53 years, JoeAnne
34 Whitehurst Jones, and a devoted father to his daughter, Ashley Elizabeth; Now, therefore,
35 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:



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1 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Walter B. Jones, Jr., and
2 expresses its appreciation and admiration for his life of service to the people of Eastern North
3 Carolina, the State of North Carolina, and the United States.

4 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
5 Walter B. Jones, Jr., for the loss of a beloved family member.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
7 to the family of Walter B. Jones, Jr.

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