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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR30550-LG-226

Sponsors: Representative Davis.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LINDA P. JOHNSON,
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson was born on May 2, 1945, in Cabarrus County, to the late
4 Donald and Ruth Smith Pennell; and

5 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson attended Cabarrus County public schools, graduating
6 from A.L. Brown High School in 1963, where she was a member of the varsity basketball and
7 cheerleading teams; and

8 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson furthered her education and became a computer analyst;
9 and

10 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson was a lifelong advocate for K-12 education, serving eight
11 years on the Kannapolis City Schools Board of Education between 1992 through 2000, where
12 she sought to improve educational opportunities for children in her community; and

13 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson served with honor and distinction in the General
14 Assembly as a member of the House of Representatives for 10 terms between 2001 and 2020;
15 and

16 Whereas, during her service in the General Assembly, Linda P. Johnson made
17 contributions as a member of numerous committees, including Commerce and Job Development;
18 Finance; Insurance; Public Utilities; and Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House. She was
19 a senior chair of the Appropriations Committee and cochair of the Joint Legislative Education
20 Oversight Committee. One of her greatest accomplishments was aiding the establishment of the
21 North Carolina Research Campus, a public health research facility in Kannapolis; and

22 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson was actively involved in North Kannapolis Baptist Church
23 where she served as a Sunday School teacher, and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star
24 and a supporter of the Dixie Youth Baseball program in Kannapolis; and

25 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson was respected, admired, and loved by those who knew
26 her and had the privilege to work with her; and

27 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson passed away on February 18, 2020; and

28 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson was preceded in death by her son, Ben Johnson, and her
29 brother, David Pennell; and

30 Whereas, Linda P. Johnson is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ronnie R.
31 Johnson; sons, Roger Johnson and Byron Johnson; grandchildren, Regan Johnson, Linzi Johnson,
32 Sawyer Johnson, Wesley Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Sydney Johnson, and Chloe Johnson; and
33 daughter-in-law, Lori Johnson; Now, therefore,

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

35 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly recognizes and expresses its appreciation for
36 the life of former member Representative Linda P. Johnson and her dedication to her community
37 and the State of North Carolina.



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1 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
2 Linda P. Johnson for the loss of a beloved family member.

3 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
4 to the family of Linda P. Johnson.

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