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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR10536-LG-191

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Sponsors: Representative Stevens.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JERRY CARTER,  
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

3 Whereas, Jerry Carter was born on May 27, 1955, in Eden, North Carolina, to Otis  
4 Carter and Nellie Crouch Carter; and

5 Whereas, Jerry Carter spent most of his life in Rockingham County, graduating from  
6 Smith High School in 1974; and

7 Whereas, Jerry Carter served as a member of the United States Army from 1974 to  
8 1976; and

9 Whereas, as a man of great faith and prayer, Jerry Carter founded the Reidsville  
10 Baptist Church in 1988 and served as the senior pastor for more than 30 years; and

11 Whereas, Jerry Carter also served as Chaplain of the North Carolina State Highway  
12 Patrol for 12 years; and

13 Whereas, in 2018, Jerry Carter was elected by the citizens of Rockingham County to  
14 serve in the General Assembly as a member of the House of Representatives and reelected to a  
15 second term in 2020; and

16 Whereas, during his tenure in the House of Representatives, Jerry Carter served as  
17 chair of the Families, Children, and Aging Policy Committee and was a member of several other  
18 committees, including the Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, Health,  
19 Judiciary II, Local Government, and Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs; and

20 Whereas, Jerry Carter took advantage of every opportunity to make a difference in  
21 the lives of others and was admired and loved by all who knew him; and

22 Whereas, Jerry Carter was active in the affairs of his community and received  
23 numerous awards and honors for his good deeds and service; and

24 Whereas, Jerry Carter passed away on August 3, 2021, at the age of 66; and

25 Whereas, Jerry Carter leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 45 years, Brenda  
26 Bruton Carter; two daughters, Hope Carter Lovings and Becky Carter Johnson (spouse of  
27 Nicholas Johnson); six grandchildren, Chloe, Jerry, Arthur, Carter, Winston, and Scarlett; one  
28 great-grandchild, Rhea; his mother, Nellie Crouch Carter; and two brothers, Johnny Carter and  
29 Ricky Carter; and

30 Whereas, Jerry Carter will be remembered by all who knew him as a man devoted to  
31 his family, his church, his community, and to public service; Now, therefore,

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

33 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Jerry Carter and  
34 expresses its gratitude for the service he rendered to the nation, the State of North Carolina, and  
35 his community.

36 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of  
37 Jerry Carter for the loss of a beloved family member.



1                   **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the  
2 family of Jerry Carter.

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