

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1110\***

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Sponsors:     Senator Rand.

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Referred to:  Rules Suspended; Passed 2nd and 3rd; Sent to House.

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May 28, 2002

1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF NORMAN H. JOHNSON,  
2       THE FIRST ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RETAIL  
3       MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, ON THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY  
4       OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION.

5       Whereas, the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association was founded in  
6    1902 by a group of merchants who convened in Burlington; and

7       Whereas, Norman H. Johnson was elected the organization's first Attorney  
8    General in 1902 at the organizational meeting of the Association; and

9       Whereas, the Association was organized to promote the interests of all  
10   merchants in North Carolina, to cooperate with other State and national groups on  
11   matters of common interest that affect the conduct of retailing, and on programs that  
12   strengthen and develop the State's agricultural and industrial economy, and to secure the  
13   cooperation of all manufacturers and wholesalers in producing a healthier condition of  
14   retail trade; and

15       Whereas, on November 18, 1905, the North Carolina Retail Merchants  
16   Association was incorporated; and

17       Whereas, since its formation, the Association has used its resources to  
18   support retailers and retail organizations throughout North Carolina; and

19       Whereas, the Association has enhanced the quality of life for all citizens of  
20   the State and advanced the public confidence in the retail industry; and

21       Whereas, many retailers who have served and are serving our State in the  
22   General Assembly and its leadership have been members of the Association; and

23       Whereas, during its 100 years of service, the Association has been  
24   instrumental in providing leadership and encouraging the highest standards of integrity,  
25   competence, civility, and well-being of all members of the retail industry; and

26       Whereas, the goal of the Association during the celebration of its centennial  
27   is to be recognized as the premier State retail association in the country; respected for its  
28   commitment to creating and maintaining a prosperous environment in which North  
29   Carolina's retailers will thrive; and

1           Whereas, it is fitting that the Association be commended for its 100 years of  
2 continuous service; Now, therefore,

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

4           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Norman  
5 H. Johnson and expresses appreciation for the contributions he made to the North  
6 Carolina Retail Merchants Association.

7           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly recognizes the historic  
8 accomplishments of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association and congratulates  
9 the organization on 100 years of dedicated commitment in serving the public and the  
10 retail industry.

11           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
12 resolution to the President of the North Carolina Retail Merchants Association.

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