

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR10050-LG-50A (02/03)

Sponsors: Representatives Womble, Parmon, McGee, Folwell (Primary Sponsors);
and Brown.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HAROLD
2 LILLARD KENNEDY, JR. FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY.

4 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. was born on October 8, 1926, in
5 Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and

6 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. was the son of Harold Lillard Kennedy,
7 Sr. and Willie Hall Kennedy and the grandson of Francis Marion Kennedy, Sr., the third
8 President of Winston-Salem State University and of Dr. H. Humphrey Hall, the first
9 African-American physician in Forsyth County; and

10 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. graduated from Atkins High School in
11 1942, Virginia State University in 1948, and the School of Law at Howard University in
12 1951; and

13 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. practiced law in New York City from
14 1952 to 1954 before returning to Winston-Salem in 1955, where he later became the
15 managing partner in the law firm of Kennedy, Kennedy, Kennedy and Kennedy, L.L.P.,
16 a law firm that was composed of his wife, Annie Brown Kennedy, and twin sons,
17 Harold L. Kennedy, III, and Harvey L. Kennedy; and

18 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. was a member of the National Bar
19 Association, North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina Association of Black
20 Lawyers, Forsyth County Bar Association, and Winston-Salem Bar Association; and

21 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. was an active supporter of the
22 Democratic Party, serving as a precinct member and precinct chair and as a participant
23 in local, State, and national campaigns for more than 40 years; and

24 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. served with honor and distinction as a
25 member of the North Carolina House of Representatives during the 1977 Session of the
26 General Assembly, where he was a member of the following Committees:
27 Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, Courts and Judicial

1 Districts, Corrections, Higher Education, Judiciary I, and Professional Law
2 Enforcement Personnel and Practice; and

3 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. was actively involved in the
4 Winston-Salem and Forsyth County communities serving as President of the
5 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association and as Vice-Chair and Chair
6 of the Redevelopment Commission of Winston-Salem from 1960 to 1974; and

7 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. served on the Board of Directors of the
8 Boy Scouts of America, Arts Council, Experiment in Self-Reliance, Inc., NAACP,
9 YMCA and as President of the Victory Credit Union; and

10 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. also served as a member of the Twin
11 City Kiwanis Club, People for the American Way, Hospice of Winston-Salem, the
12 Society for the Study of African-American History, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, and Omega
13 Psi Phi Fraternity; and

14 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. proudly served his country as a
15 member of the United States Army from 1945 to 1946; and

16 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. was a lifelong Episcopalian and a
17 founding member of St. Anne's Episcopal Church, where he was a lay reader and
18 former Junior Warden; and

19 Whereas, Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. died on January 15, 2005, leaving his
20 wife of 53 years, Annie Brown Kennedy, and sons, Michael D. Kennedy, Harold L.
21 Kennedy, III, and Harvey L. Kennedy; Now, therefore,

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

23 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Harold Lillard
24 Kennedy, Jr. and expresses the appreciation and gratitude of this State and its citizens
25 for his life and service to North Carolina.

26 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest appreciation to the
27 family of Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr. for the loss of a beloved family member.

28 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
29 resolution to the family of Harold Lillard Kennedy, Jr.

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