

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR60093-LG-175A (2/15)**

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Sponsors: Representatives McLawhorn, E. Warren, and Williams (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY ON THE  
2 UNIVERSITY'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

3       Whereas, the people of North Carolina are deeply indebted to the North  
4 Carolina General Assembly of 1907 and other leaders of a century ago whose great  
5 vision created East Carolina Teachers Training School on March 8, 1907; and

6       Whereas, during the groundbreaking for the first building for the East  
7 Carolina Teachers Training School on July 2, 1908, Governor Thomas Jordan Jarvis,  
8 made the prophetic comment, "We can never begin to calculate the value it will be to  
9 North Carolina"; and

10       Whereas, East Carolina Teachers Training School opened its doors on  
11 October 5, 1909, with a faculty of seven women and three men and an enrollment of  
12 104 women and 19 men; and

13       Whereas, Robert Herring Wright served as the school's first president; and

14       Whereas, on March 8, 1911, the General Assembly gave the school broader  
15 authority and flexibility with regards to its curriculum; and

16       Whereas, on June 8, 1911, the first graduating class received their diplomas;  
17 and

18       Whereas, in 1916, the school chose the colors of Old Gold and Royal Purple  
19 and the motto of "Servire," meaning "to serve"; and

20       Whereas, in 1920, the General Assembly amended the school's charter  
21 allowing for a four-year curriculum; and

22       Whereas, on December 19, 1921, the General Assembly enacted legislation  
23 changing the name of the school to East Carolina Teachers College and authorized the  
24 school to award the Bachelor of Arts degree in education; and

25       Whereas, in August 1922, East Carolina Teachers College conferred its first  
26 baccalaureate degrees, and in 1929, the school's trustees approved the awarding of the  
27 Master of Arts degree; and

1           Whereas, in 1951, the General Assembly approved a name change to East  
2 Carolina College to reflect the changing nature of the curriculum and the degrees  
3 awarded by the institution; and

4           Whereas, by the late 1950s, East Carolina College had become the State's  
5 third largest campus and was the fastest growing institution in North Carolina; and

6           Whereas, in the fall of 1963, the first full-time African-American student  
7 enrolled without incident at East Carolina College and graduated in 1966; and

8           Whereas, by 1967, East Carolina College had the largest college enrollment  
9 in the South and one of the largest enrollments in the nation; and

10          Whereas, legislation creating East Carolina University passed on June 29,  
11 1967, creating an independent regional university in Greenville; and

12          Whereas, in 1972, East Carolina University became a constituent institution  
13 of The University of North Carolina system; and

14          Whereas, in 1974, the General Assembly gave approval of the establishment  
15 of a four-year medical school at East Carolina University, and in 1981, the first class of  
16 medical students graduated with Doctor of Medicine degrees; and

17          Whereas, in 1983, East Carolina University conferred its first Doctor of  
18 Philosophy degree; and

19          Whereas, in 1997, East Carolina University achieved status as a "Doctoral II"  
20 level institution; and

21          Whereas, East Carolina University has become the State's leader in distance  
22 education enrolling more than 5,000 students in distance education classes; and

23          Whereas, East Carolina University's online MBA and computer science  
24 degree programs were ranked number one nationally and its education degree program  
25 third by GetEducated.com, and all three degree programs were deemed "Best Buys" by  
26 the same group; and

27          Whereas, East Carolina University has the largest enrollment in several key  
28 professional programs in the State that address major State needs, including education,  
29 allied health, nursing, and hospitality management; and

30          Whereas, East Carolina University's arts program is one of the largest and  
31 most distinguished on the east coast and has produced a number of nationally  
32 recognized artists who have earned coveted awards, including Emmys and Grammys;  
33 and

34          Whereas, three East Carolina University graduates have either individually or  
35 as part of a group been awarded a Pulitzer Prize; and

36          Whereas, in April 2006, U.S. News and World Report ranked the Brody  
37 School of Medicine in the top 10 medical schools in the nation in three categories,  
38 including 6<sup>th</sup> in primary care, 7<sup>th</sup> in rural medicine, and 9<sup>th</sup> in family medicine; and

39          Whereas, East Carolina University ranks in the top 10 in five categories in the  
40 Milliken Institute report that scores universities around the world on technology  
41 transfer. For every \$1 million in research, the university ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the number of  
42 patents issued, 6<sup>th</sup> in the number of inventions disclosed, 6<sup>th</sup> in the number of start-up  
43 companies formed, 8<sup>th</sup> in the number of patents filed, and 9<sup>th</sup> in the ratio of patents

1 issued to patents filed. Among East Carolina University's best known inventions is the  
2 SpeechEasy device that helps stutterers speak more fluently; and

3       Whereas, East Carolina University's athletic department established a  
4 tradition of excellence beginning in 1941 when the football team finished its season  
5 with a record of 7-0 and was one of only 13 teams in the nation to go undefeated; and

6       Whereas, in 1966, the football team won its first conference championship as  
7 a member of the Southern Conference; and

8       Whereas, in 1990, the baseball team finished its season as the National  
9 Collegiate Athletic Association's statistical champion with a 47-9 record; and

10       Whereas, in 1993, the Pirates won their first national bowl game with a 37-34  
11 victory over North Carolina State University during the Peach Bowl and earned a 9<sup>th</sup>  
12 place ranking in the nation; and

13       Whereas, East Carolina University became a member of Conference-USA for  
14 all intercollegiate sports, and in 2002, the baseball team claimed its first  
15 Conference-USA title; and

16       Whereas, each year more than 8,000 East Carolina University students  
17 contribute in excess of 100,000 hours of voluntary service to more than 125 community  
18 health and human service organizations located in Greenville; and

19       Whereas, East Carolina University's annual contribution to the local economy  
20 is approximately \$2 billion; and

21       Whereas, for 100 years East Carolina University has held steadily to the  
22 ideals of academic integrity cherished by its founders, trustees, faculty, staff, alumni,  
23 and students; Now, therefore,

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

25       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly recognizes and honors the founders of  
26 East Carolina University for their vision, commends the University for its contributions  
27 to North Carolina and its people, extends congratulations on the institution's centennial  
28 anniversary, and looks forward to a second century of service by the University on  
29 behalf of the people of North Carolina and the nation.

30       **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
31 resolution to the President of the Board of Governors of The University of North  
32 Carolina and to the Chancellor of East Carolina University.

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