

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 499**

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Sponsors: Senators Smith; and Snow.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY  
2 FOOTBALL TEAM ON WINNING THE 2006 ATLANTIC COAST  
3 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

4       Whereas, on December 2, 2006, Wake Forest University's football team won  
5 the 2006 Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) championship, defeating Georgia Tech by a  
6 score of 9-6 in Jacksonville, Florida; and

7       Whereas, this victory earned Wake Forest a berth in the Bowl Championship  
8 Series and a bid to the 2007 FedEx Orange Bowl; and

9       Whereas, Wake Forest was the first team from North Carolina to earn a berth  
10 in one of the top five bowls (Orange, Fiesta, Rose, Sugar, and Cotton) since 1961; and

11       Whereas, this championship gave Wake Forest its second ACC title, having  
12 won its first title in 1970; and

13       Whereas, Wake Forest finished the 2006 football season with an 11-3 record,  
14 shattering the previous school record of eight wins captured in 1944, 1979, and 1992;  
15 and

16       Whereas, Wake Forest's five wins in September 2006 marked the most  
17 victories in any month of the year in Demon Deacon football history; and

18       Whereas, Wake Forest won six ACC games for the first time in school history  
19 and won the ACC's Atlantic Division after being picked to finish last by the league's  
20 media in the preseason; and

21       Whereas, Wake Forest was the most improved team in America, based upon  
22 win differential; and

23       Whereas, Wake Forest was the first team in ACC history (out of 113) to go  
24 6-9 in true road games; and

25       Whereas, Wake Forest swept its ACC Tobacco Road rivals – Duke  
26 University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and North Carolina State  
27 University – for the first time since 1987; and

28       Whereas, Wake Forest shut out Florida State University in Tallahassee for the  
29 first time since 1959, snapping a 17-game losing streak; and

30       Whereas, Wake Forest was ranked in the top 25 for eight straight weeks; and

1           Whereas, head coach Jim Grobe was voted the National Coach of the Year by  
2 the Associated Press, American Football Coaches Association, the Bobby Dodd  
3 Foundation, and other media outlets; and

4           Whereas, sophomore placekicker Sam Swank and senior offensive tackle  
5 Steve Vallos were chosen as first team All-Americans; and

6           Whereas, junior linebacker Jon Abbate and senior safety Josh Gattis were  
7 named honorable mention All-Americans; and

8           Whereas, freshman quarterback Riley Skinner was voted the ACC's Rookie  
9 of the Year; and

10          Whereas, eight Wake Forest players earned All-ACC recognition from the  
11 league's voting body; and

12          Whereas, the entire football team and staff deserve recognition and  
13 congratulations for winning an ACC Championship and a berth in the FedEx Orange  
14 Bowl, which has brought great honor and distinction to the State; Now, therefore,  
15 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

16          **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly congratulates the Wake Forest  
17 University football team on winning the 2006 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship  
18 and recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, students, alumni, and support  
19 staff who were instrumental in helping the football team have a successful 2006 season.

20          **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the Wake Forest University's  
21 football team, a North Carolina institution.

22          **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution  
23 to Wake Forest University President Nathan O. Hatch, Athletics Director Ron Wellman,  
24 and Head Coach Jim Grobe.

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