

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR55237-LG-278 (2/27)

Sponsors: Senators Swindell, Cowell, Hunt, Malone, Stevens, Basnight, and Rand.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM PEACE,
2 FOUNDER OF PEACE COLLEGE.

3 Whereas, William Peace (1773-1865) was a native North Carolinian from
4 Granville County and a member of the second class of the University of North Carolina,
5 a respected Raleigh merchant, and an educational proponent of the long-running
6 Raleigh Academy and the University of North Carolina, and a founding elder of First
7 Presbyterian Church of Raleigh; and

8 Whereas, in 1813 the General Assembly appointed William Peace and five
9 other gentlemen to be City Commissioners to erect a dwelling for the Governor near the
10 City of Raleigh; and

11 Whereas, in 1857, at the age of 84, William Peace donated \$10,000 and eight
12 acres of land in the heart of North Carolina's Capital City on which to establish a
13 Presbyterian school for girls and young ladies; and

14 Whereas, because of his generous gift, the name Peace Institute was selected
15 for the school; and

16 Whereas, Peace College has grown from a kindergarten and preparatory
17 school to a baccalaureate college true to its original mission for women; and

18 Whereas, because of his initial gift, Peace College has graduated thousands of
19 women who have led and are leading lives of purpose, contributing to the quality of this
20 great State; Now, therefore,

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

22 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of William Peace
23 and recognizes March 14, 2007, as William Peace Day in recognition of his enduring
24 contributions.

25 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
26 resolution to Laura Carpenter Bingham, the President of Peace College.

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