

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR55531-LG-195 (10/22)

Sponsors: Senator Soles.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF W. HORACE
2 CARTER, PULITZER PRIZE WINNING PUBLISHER.

3 Whereas, W. Horace Carter was born on January 20, 1921, in Stanly County, to
4 Walter Raleigh Carter and Waulena Florence Lowder Carter; and

5 Whereas, after high school, W. Horace Carter enrolled at the University of North
6 Carolina at Chapel Hill where he majored in journalism and served as editor of the university's
7 newspaper during his senior year; and

8 Whereas, W. Horace Carter's college education was briefly interrupted during
9 World War II when he served in the United States Navy as a member of the Scouts and Raiders
10 and amphibious forces achieving the rank of Pharmacist Mate 2nd Class; and

11 Whereas, upon graduation from college, W. Horace Carter moved to Tabor City,
12 North Carolina, and worked for the newly established Tabor City Merchants Association; and

13 Whereas, W. Horace Carter soon after established The Tabor City Tribune
14 newspaper publishing its first edition on July 6, 1946; and

15 Whereas, in 1953, W. Horace Carter was awarded a Pulitzer Prize for Meritorious
16 Public Service, an honor shared with The News Reporter of Whiteville for a four-year
17 investigation of the Ku Klux Klan that resulted in several members of the Ku Klux Klan being
18 sent to prison and owing fines; and

19 Whereas, W. Horace Carter also played a role in establishing several other
20 newspapers which he later sold including the Myrtle Beach Sun, The Conway Herald, and The
21 Loris Sentinel; and

22 Whereas, W. Horace Carter founded Atlantic Corp., the parent company of the
23 Tabor-Loris Tribune (formerly known as The Tabor City Tribune); and

24 Whereas, W. Horace Carter retired from his company in 1974 and handed over the
25 leadership to his son, Rusty Carter; and

26 Whereas, during his retirement, W. Horace Carter found time to write several books
27 and magazine articles; and

28 Whereas, W. Horace Carter received numerous honors and recognitions for his
29 many good deeds, including the North Carolina Distinguished Service Award from the North
30 Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce, Tabor City Man of the Year Award, Distinguished
31 Service Award from the National Editorial Association, and the North Carolina Press
32 Association Certificate of Merit as well as honorary doctorate degrees from the University of
33 North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Campbell University, and Coastal Carolina University; and

34 Whereas, W. Horace Carter was named "one of the 100 persons who made the
35 greatest impact on the lives of the people of North Carolina in the 20th century" by the Raleigh
36 News and Observer and "one of the 2,000 most outstanding writers of the 20th century" from
37 an international organization; and



1 Whereas, W. Horace Carter was also honored by the University of North Carolina at
2 Chapel Hill when an endowed professorship was established in his honor in 2007 at the School
3 of Journalism and Mass Communications; and

4 Whereas, W. Horace Carter was married to Lucille Miller for 37 years, who was his
5 partner in the founding of the Tabor City Tribune and the many crusades that followed and was
6 the mother of their three children; and

7 Whereas, W. Horace Carter died on September 16, 2009, at the age of 88; and

8 Whereas, W. Horace Carter is survived by his wife, Linda Duncan Carter; a son,
9 Rusty Carter; two daughters, Linda Carter Metzger and Velda Carter Hughes; 10
10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

12 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of W. Horace Carter and
13 expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for his many accomplishments and
14 contributions to journalism.

15 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family of W.
16 Horace Carter for the loss of a beloved family member.

17 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
18 resolution to the family of W. Horace Carter.

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