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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR40288-LG-247 (07/21)

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Sponsors: Representative T. Moore.

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Referred to:

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORS THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF REPRESENTATIVE  
2 JAMES SPENCER "JIM" FULGHUM III, MD.

3 Whereas, James Spencer "Jim" Fulghum III, was born on April 29, 1944, to James  
4 Spencer Fulghum, Jr., and Margaret Ray Stanton Fulghum in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

5 Whereas, Jim Fulghum graduated from Needham B. Broughton High School, where  
6 he met his future wife, Mary Susan Kirk, and from North Carolina State University, where he  
7 majored in zoology; and

8 Whereas, Jim Fulghum and his wife attended medical school together at the  
9 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated in 1971; and

10 Whereas, Jim Fulghum completed an internship and residency in neurosurgery at  
11 Duke Medical Center, during which time he served as a member of the National Guard  
12 Reserves; and

13 Whereas, Jim Fulghum was a neurosurgeon for 35 years, practicing with the Raleigh  
14 Neurosurgical Clinic, Triangle Spine and Back Care Center, and Carolina Rehabilitation and  
15 Surgical Associates and, during the early 1980s, serving as Chief of Surgery at Wake Medical  
16 Center; and

17 Whereas, Jim Fulghum served his profession as a member of the American  
18 Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Royster Medical Society, the Raleigh Academy of  
19 Medicine, and the North Carolina Medical Society; and

20 Whereas, Jim Fulghum served his country as a member of the United States Army  
21 Reserves for 18 years, which included his service as an active duty field neurosurgeon in Saudi  
22 Arabia near the Iraqi border as part of Operation Desert Storm during the early 1990s, and  
23 retired from duty with the rank of Major; and

24 Whereas, Jim Fulghum served with honor and distinction in the House of  
25 Representatives during the 2013 General Assembly, where he focused on issues relating to  
26 healthcare and served on committees that included: Appropriations Subcommittee on Health  
27 and Human Services; Commerce and Job Development Subcommittee on Biotechnology and  
28 Healthcare; Health and Human Services; Regulatory Reform; and Insurance as vice-chair; and

29 Whereas, in 2014, Jim Fulghum won his primary race for a seat in the North  
30 Carolina Senate but later withdrew from the campaign due to illness; and

31 Whereas, Jim Fulghum was a member of the Board of Visitors at the University of  
32 North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a supporter of the arts, especially the North Carolina Symphony,  
33 and a devoted member of the Edenton Street United Methodist Church for nearly 40 years; and

34 Whereas, during his free time, Jim Fulghum worked on his farm in Chatham  
35 County, where he raised chickens and produce and often held family gatherings; and



1           Whereas, Jim Fulghum died on July 19, 2014, at the age of 70; and  
2           Whereas, Jim Fulghum leaves to mourn his loss, his wife of 47 years, Mary Susan  
3 Fulghum; his daughter Molly Fulghum Heintz and son-in-law Jens Holm and his daughter  
4 Emily Fulghum Roberson and son-in-law Dr. Patrick Roberson; his grandchildren, Margaret  
5 Josephine Roberson and Kirk Fulghum Holm; his sisters Peggy Fulghum Matthews, Mary  
6 Anne Fulghum Clovis, and Ruth Fulghum Olive; and

7           Whereas, with the untimely death of Jim Fulghum, his family, the General  
8 Assembly, Wake County, and the State of North Carolina have lost a good friend and colleague  
9 and an admired and respected man; Now, therefore,

10 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

11           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Dr. James  
12 Spencer "Jim" Fulghum III and expresses its deep appreciation for the great service he rendered  
13 to his community, his State, and his country.

14           **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives extends its deepest sympathy to the  
15 family of Dr. James Spencer "Jim" Fulghum III for the loss of a beloved family member.

16           **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
17 to the family of Dr. James Spencer "Jim" Fulghum III.

18           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.