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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 962*

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Passed 1st Reading; Calendar for 7/2/91.

July 1, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ANGELINE
2 DAVIS SMITH.

3 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was born in Florence, South Carolina, on
4 February 7, 1908; and

5 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith's childhood was spent in the pleasant
6 surroundings of her native home, where Christian principles were instilled, along with
7 the wholesome values that persisted throughout her life; and

8 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith earned an AB degree from Benedict College,
9 in Columbia, South Carolina, a MS degree from North Carolina A & T State University
10 in 1948, and furthered her studies at Atlanta University, Arkansas State College, the
11 University of Chicago, and the University of Minnesota; and

12 Whereas, while attending North Carolina A & T State University, Angeline
13 Davis Smith met and married Samuel Cooper Smith, who became the love of her life for
14 forty-six years; and

15 Whereas, in Greensboro, Angeline Davis Smith taught English at James B.
16 Dudley High School and later transferred to Ben L. Smith High School; and

17 Whereas, after retiring from teaching in 1972, Angeline Davis Smith
18 continued to devote service to her former students from throughout the nation many of
19 whom she kept in touch with until her death; and

20 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith valued all of her former students and their
21 accomplishments and referred to them as her "pearls" and she had many, many "pearls";
22 and

1 Whereas, the number of lives Angeline Davis Smith touched and inspired
2 exemplified her commitment and dedication; and

3 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was a member of the St. James Presbyterian
4 Church, serving in many capacities, including ruling elder, for over forty years; and

5 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was active in many community organizations
6 and served these organizations over a span of fifty years; and

7 Whereas, in the 1940s and 1950s, Angeline Davis Smith worked to integrate
8 the YWCA; and

9 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith served on the Neighborhood Planning and
10 Development Committee, the Family Life Council, the Frank Graham Symposium, the
11 United Way Public Information and Education Division, the Council on Aging
12 Roundtable, the Hayes Taylor YMCA Contribution Executive Committee, North
13 Carolina 2000, and Greensboro Visions; and

14 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith's special interest was the Hayes Taylor
15 YMCA, where she was a major fund-raiser; her goal was to see the new Hayes Taylor
16 YMCA completed; and

17 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was also a past member of the Board of
18 Trustees of North Carolina A & T State University and a past member of the Board of
19 Visitors of Guilford College; and

20 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha
21 Sorority for forty years and a life member of the NAACP; and

22 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was named Citizen of the Year by the City of
23 Greensboro in 1976, awarded the Distinguished Alumnus distinction from Benedict
24 College in 1981, inducted into the Order of The Long Leaf Pine by Governor James B.
25 Hunt in 1982, named Lady of the Year three times by the NAACP and once by the
26 Greensboro Lion's Club, and presented with the Sojourner Truth Award by the National
27 Association of Negro Business and Professional Women in 1984; and

28 Whereas, in 1988, Angeline Davis Smith and her husband, Dr. S. Cooper
29 Smith, received the Brotherhood Citation Award of the Greensboro Chapter of the
30 National Conference of Christians and Jews for outstanding leadership and
31 humanitarian service on behalf of civic, cultural, educational, and welfare organizations
32 that enrich the Greensboro community; and

33 Whereas, this citation was a "token of esteem of fellow citizens of all creeds
34 and races"; and

35 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith and her husband worked as a team to ensure
36 the rights of all persons and they gave their time and money unselfishly; and

37 Whereas, as an example of their generosity, several students were able to
38 attend college with assistance from the Smiths; and

39 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was true to her heritage and gave of herself
40 to better mankind; and

41 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was dedicated, compassionate, and her
42 crowning achievement was that of a devoted wife and a "super" mother and
43 grandmother; and

44 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith died on June 19, 1991; and

1 Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith is survived by her husband, Dr. S. Cooper
2 Smith, a daughter, Dr. Joselyn Bailey, a son, Dr. Joseph Bailey, and a number of
3 grandchildren, great grandchildren, and other relatives;

4 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

5 Section 1. The North Carolina General Assembly honors the memory of
6 Angeline Davis Smith and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its
7 citizens for her life and devoted service to North Carolina.

8 Sec. 2. The North Carolina General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy
9 to the family of Angeline Davis Smith for the loss of their loved one.

10 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
11 to the family of Angeline Davis Smith.

12 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.