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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee Substitute Senate Joint Resolution For
Senate Resolution Adopted 2/8/99

Sponsors:

Referred to:

February 8, 1999

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF PLATT D. WALKER, THE
2 FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR ASSOCIATION, ON THE
3 ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BAR
4 ASSOCIATION.

5 Whereas, the North Carolina Bar Association was founded on February 10,
6 1899, by a group of 62 lawyers, who convened in Raleigh at the North Carolina Supreme
7 Court; and

8 Whereas, Platt D. Walker was elected the first President on February 10, 1899
9 at the first organizational meeting of the Association; and

10 Whereas, the Association was organized to promote the administration of
11 justice throughout the State, advance the science of jurisprudence, maintain the standard
12 of honor in the profession, and establish cordial intercourse among the members; and

13 Whereas, the 1899 General Assembly enacted a statute on March 6, 1899,
14 incorporating and bestowing upon the Association legal status as a recognized
15 professional association within the State; and

16 Whereas, the Association held its first annual meeting July 5-7, 1899, in
17 Morehead City, with 114 lawyers in attendance; and

18 Whereas, since its formation, the Association has used its resources to support
19 lawyers and local Bar organizations throughout North Carolina; and

1 Whereas, the Association has enhanced the quality of life for all citizens of the
2 State and advanced the public confidence in the legal profession; and

3 Whereas, many lawyers serving our State in the General Assembly and its
4 leadership have been members of the Association; and

5 Whereas, during its 100 years of service, the Association has been instrumental
6 in providing leadership and encouraging the highest standards of integrity, competence,
7 civility, and well-being of all members of the legal profession; and

8 Whereas, the goals of the Association during the celebration of its centennial
9 are:

- 10 (1) To inspire lawyers to the highest ideals of professionalism and service.
- 11 (2) To foster and protect the fundamental role of lawyers to sustain the rule
12 of law in our free society.
- 13 (3) To challenge all citizens to strengthen our system of justice for the 21st
14 century.
- 15 (4) To assist the General Assembly in its important duty of enacting sound
16 legislation for the betterment of all North Carolinians through drafting,
17 and research and as a resource; and

18 Whereas, it is only fitting that the Association be commended for its 100 years
19 of continuous service; Now, therefore,

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

21 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Platt D.
22 Walker and expresses appreciation for the contributions he made to the North Carolina
23 Bar Association. The General Assembly recognizes the historic accomplishments of the
24 North Carolina Bar Association and congratulates the organization on 100 years of
25 dedicated commitment to serve the public and the legal profession by promoting the
26 administration of justice and encouraging the highest standards of integrity, competence,
27 civility, and well-being of all members of the profession. The General Assembly further
28 wishes to thank the volunteers and staff who have contributed to the growth and
29 development of this distinguished Association.

30 Section 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
31 resolution to the President of the North Carolina Bar Association.

32 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.