

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1999  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Platt D. Walker and expresses appreciation for the contributions he made to the North Carolina Bar Association. The General Assembly recognizes the historic accomplishments of the North Carolina Bar Association and congratulates the organization on 100 years of dedicated commitment to serve the public and the legal profession by promoting the

administration of justice and encouraging the highest standards of integrity, competence, civility, and well-being of all members of the profession. The General Assembly further wishes to thank the volunteers and staff who have contributed to the growth and development of this distinguished Association.

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

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of February, 1999.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives