

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2888**

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Sponsors: Representatives Dollar, Weiss, Ross (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, B. Allen, Capps, Coleman, Fisher, Gulley, Johnson, Justus, Martin, McLawhorn, Stam, and Steen.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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June 21, 2006

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE CAROLINA HURRICANES HOCKEY  
2 TEAM, WINNERS OF THE 2006 NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE  
3 CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY, THE FAMED STANLEY CUP, NAMED FOR  
4 LORD STANLEY, THE EARL OF PRESTON AND GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF  
5 CANADA.

6           Whereas, the Stanley Cup, the oldest trophy competed for by professional  
7 athletes in North America, was donated by Frederick Arthur, Lord Stanley of Preston  
8 and Governor-General of Canada, in 1893; and

9           Whereas, Lord Stanley purchased the trophy for presentation to the amateur  
10 hockey champions of Canada; and

11           Whereas, since 1910, when the National Hockey Association took possession  
12 of the Stanley Cup, the trophy has been the symbol of professional hockey supremacy;  
13 and

14           Whereas, the Stanley Cup is the most prestigious and coveted trophy in all of  
15 professional sports; and

16           Whereas, Peter Karmanos had the vision and foresight to bring major league  
17 professional hockey to North Carolina; and

18           Whereas, the Carolina Hurricanes have the finest front office organization in  
19 all of professional sports as Canes' President and long-time General Manager Jim  
20 Rutherford was once again named the NHL's Executive of the Year; and

21           Whereas, the members of the Hurricanes have been tremendous contributors  
22 to the community through a variety of charitable works; and

23           Whereas, the Hurricanes' first captain and future Hall of Famer Ron Francis  
24 was the face of hard work and tireless dedication that drew a new generation of fans to  
25 the sport of ice hockey; and

26           Whereas, Hurricanes' fans known as Caniacs from all over the Triangle and  
27 State have embraced the team and its players and have cheered them to victory, earning  
28 the RBC Center the distinction of being the Loudest House in the NHL; and

1           Whereas, the Carolina Hurricanes defeated the Montreal Canadiens, the New  
2 Jersey Devils, the Buffalo Sabers, and the Edmonton Oilers in the 2006 NHL playoffs;  
3 and

4           Whereas, Coach Peter Laviolette has skillfully guided the Hurricanes into a  
5 new era of hockey; and

6           Whereas, Captain Rod Brind'Amour and the team he leads embody all of the  
7 character and qualities that North Carolinians have long held in highest esteem; and

8           Whereas, the Carolina Hurricanes to a man were "relentless" in living up to  
9 their creed, "Whatever It Takes" and did what it took to be a champion; and have won  
10 for North Carolina and all her sports fans our first major league professional  
11 championship; and

12           Whereas, the names of every player on the Carolina Hurricanes will be  
13 forever etched in hockey lore and most importantly on the Stanley Cup Trophy; and

14           Whereas, the name Carolina with our proud history spanning over 400 years  
15 will forever be immortalized on Lord Stanley's Cup; Now, therefore,  
16 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

17           **SECTION 1.** North Carolina will forever be grateful for the years of tireless  
18 effort the players and organization of the Carolina Hurricanes have devoted to bringing  
19 our fair State its first professional team championship.

20           **SECTION 2.** Having won Lord Stanley's Cup we shall honor and defend the  
21 Cup as true champions, and that on this day the Hurricanes are first in the hearts of all  
22 North Carolinians and are hereby declared true sons of the Old North State.

23           **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this  
24 resolution to each member of the Carolina Hurricanes Hockey Team and the team's  
25 owner, Peter Karmanos, and coach, Peter Laviolette.

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