

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION DRSR75013-LG-5D (11/15)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Apodaca.

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Referred to:

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1    A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOHN ALLEN  
2       GARWOOD, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3           Whereas, John Allen Garwood was born on July 8, 1932, to James Lemuel Garwood  
4 and Annie Lura Carrigan Garwood in North Wilkesboro, North Carolina; and

5           Whereas, John Allen Garwood graduated from Wilkesboro High School in 1951 and  
6 earned a BS degree in Business Education from Appalachian State University in 1957; and

7           Whereas, John Allen Garwood was a licensed real estate broker and a licensed life  
8 and casualty insurance agent and served as vice president of Lineberry, Inc., until his  
9 retirement; and

10          Whereas, John Allen Garwood served as the Wilkes County Finance Chair of  
11 "Holshouser for Governor," as Chair of the Wilkes County Republican Executive Committee  
12 from 1974 to 1979, as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1980, and as Chair  
13 of the Fifth Congressional District Republican Executive Committee from 1981 to 1983; and

14          Whereas, John Allen Garwood was elected as a Commissioner for Wilkes County in  
15 1990, serving as Chair of the Board from 1991 to 1993; and

16          Whereas, John Allen Garwood served with honor and distinction in the General  
17 Assembly, where he ably served the people of his district as a senator from 1997 to 2006; and

18          Whereas, during his tenure in the Senate, John Allen Garwood was assigned to  
19 several committees, serving as Cochair of Education/Higher Education, a Ranking Minority  
20 member of Appropriations on Education/Higher Education, and a member of  
21 Agriculture/Environment and Natural Resources, Appropriations/Base Budget, Health Care,  
22 State and Local Government, Pensions and Retirement and Aging, and Transportation  
23 Committees; and

24          Whereas, John Allen Garwood also served on a number of study committees and  
25 select committees, including the Advisory Budget Commission, Joint Education Oversight  
26 Committee, Community College Committee, Select Committee on Homeland Security, and  
27 Opportunities and Needs for Economic Growth in North Carolina; and

28          Whereas, John Allen Garwood was active in several fraternal and civic  
29 organizations, serving as a member of the Public School Forum of North Carolina, Wilkes  
30 Literacy Consortium, and Wilkes County Vocational Education Board; as a member of the  
31 Board of The Health Foundation, Wilkes Senior Center Task Force, Wilkes United Fund,  
32 Wilkes County Vocational Education Board, and New River Mental Health; as a member of the  
33 Advisory Board of the Wilkes Cooperative Extension; as vice president and secretary of Wilkes  
34 Chamber of Commerce; and as Past Exalted Ruler of North Wilkesboro Elks Lodge #1846; and

35          Whereas, John Allen Garwood served as a member of The University of North  
36 Carolina Board of Governors from 1985 to 1996, where he was Chair of the Committee on  
37 Personnel and Tenure; as a member of the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees



1 from 1973 to 1980, where he served as Chair from 1979 to 1980 and as a member of the  
2 Chancellor's Search Committee in 1978; as a member of the Advisory Board of the College of  
3 Agriculture and Life Science at North Carolina State University; and as a member of the Board  
4 of Directors of First Citizens Bank from 1975 to 2000; and

5       Whereas, John Allen Garwood was awarded the Outstanding Alumnus Award from  
6 Appalachian State University in 1997 and was recognized by Appalachian State University in  
7 2008 for his efforts in securing funding for a new education building and acquiring additional  
8 permanent funding for the University; and

9       Whereas, John Allen Garwood was a veteran of the Korean War, serving as a Staff  
10 Sergeant in the 11<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division of the United States Army from 1953 to 1955; and

11       Whereas, John Allen Garwood was a life member of the Wilkesboro United  
12 Methodist Church and served as a certified lay speaker for the United Methodist Church; and

13       Whereas, John Allen Garwood died on November 30, 2010; and

14       Whereas, John Allen Garwood is survived by his wife, Wanda Bandy Garwood of  
15 53 years; his children, John B. Garwood, David A. Garwood, and Susan Garwood Robertson;  
16 and his grandchildren, Johnathon, Anna, Joseph, Kate, Madelyn, and Liza Grace; Now,  
17 therefore,

18 Be it resolved by the Senate:

19       **SECTION 1.** The Senate honors the life and memory of John Allen Garwood and  
20 expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered his  
21 community, State, and nation.

22       **SECTION 2.** The Senate extends its deepest sympathy to the family of John Allen  
23 Garwood for the loss of a beloved family member.

24       **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
25 to the family of John Allen Garwood.

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