

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 194

Sponsors: Representatives Woodard and Creech.

Referred to: Rules.

February 13, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF J. MARVIN JOHNSON,
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was born in Benson, North Carolina on March
4 21, 1912, to the late James Mansey and Vara Lee Johnson; and

5 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was educated in the Johnston County public
6 schools, at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received a B.S.
7 degree in Commerce, and at the Raleigh Law School; and

8 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson distinguished himself as a businessman, having
9 owned and operated Smithfield Oil and Gin Company for 32 years and the Smithfield
10 and Four Oaks Gin Company for 30 years and having served as president of JMJ
11 Enterprises, a parent company of Merchant Discount Building Supplies; and

12 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson served as deputy clerk of the Johnston Superior
13 Court from 1936 until 1942, was elected auditor of Johnston County in 1942, 1946, and
14 1950, and was tax supervisor for the county for a number of years; and

15 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson volunteered for the United States Navy in 1943,
16 served on destroyer escorts from 1944 until 1946, and was discharged as Lieutenant
17 Senior Grade USNR, Line Officer; and

18 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was an active participant in many veterans'
19 organizations in Johnston County, including the Stevens-Barbour Post of the Veterans
20 of Foreign Wars in Smithfield, which he organized and where he served as post
21 commander, the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion, where he served as post
22 commander, and the Johnston County War Veterans Association, where he also served
23 as post commander; and

1 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson took an early interest in politics, having served
2 as president of the Young Democratic Club in Johnston County for a number of years,
3 as chairman of the Johnston County Democratic Executive Committee from 1962 until
4 1964, and as a member of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee from
5 1962 until 1968; and

6 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was elected to two two-year terms in the North
7 Carolina General Assembly, where he served as a member of the Senate in 1968,
8 representing the eighth senatorial district of Johnston, Nash, and Wilson Counties, and
9 as a member of the House of Representatives in 1970, representing the 15th district of
10 Johnston and Wilson Counties; and

11 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was a devoted and active member of his
12 community as shown by his memberships in several civic and fraternal organizations,
13 including the Kiwanis and Elks Clubs, the Loyal Order of Moose, which he helped
14 organize and where he served as its first governor, and Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity; and

15 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was appointed to the board of trustees of the
16 Johnston Memorial Hospital in 1966 and was chairman of that board for 12 years, and
17 was former president of the Johnston County Chapter of the UNC Alumni; and

18 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was also a member of the North Carolina Oil
19 Jobbers Association, the Carolina LPGAS Association, and the Carolina Ginners
20 Association; and

21 Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church
22 of Smithfield; and

23 Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to pay tribute to its former member
24 for his dedication and leadership; Now, therefore,

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

26 Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to honor the life
27 and memory of J. Marvin Johnson and express its appreciation for his service to the
28 citizens of Johnston County and to the State of North Carolina.

29 Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to express its
30 sympathy to the family of J. Marvin Johnson, including his wife, Gertrude Brady
31 Johnson; his two daughters, Betsy Dunnagan of Raleigh and Delane Armstrong of
32 Ayden; and his son, James Marvin (Jimmy) Johnson, Jr., of Benson for the loss of their
33 loved one.

34 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
35 to the family of J. Marvin Johnson.

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