

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2130*

Sponsors: Representative Griffin.

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

June 20, 1994

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOE MAX
2 THOMAS, FORMER STATE SENATOR.

3 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas was born in Union County on July 9, 1915, the
4 son of the late John W. and Lillian Hasty Thomas; and

5 Whereas, after graduating from the Wake Forest College Law School in
6 1937, Joe Max Thomas returned to his home town of Marshville, where he successfully
7 practiced law until his retirement in 1983; and

8 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas was a member of the Union County Bar
9 Association and the American Bar Association and was a member of the State Bar
10 Association for more than 50 years; and

11 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas served as a judge in the Union County Recorder's
12 Court from 1948 to 1952; and

13 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas served his district and the State, serving with
14 distinction as a member of the North Carolina Senate for three terms, during the 1955,
15 1959, and 1961 Sessions of the General Assembly; and

16 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas was president of R.A. Thomas Gas Company for
17 a number of years and served on the Board of Directors of Security Bank in the Town of
18 Marshville; and

19 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas worked unselfishly for the betterment of his
20 community as a member of several civic and fraternal organizations including the
21 Shriners, the Masons, the American Legion, the Rotary Club, and the Lions Club; and

22 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas was a devoted and active member of the First
23 Baptist Church in Marshville, serving as a deacon and Sunday school teacher; and

1 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas proudly served his country as a member of the
2 United States Army from 1942 to 1945, and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

3 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas died on August 15, 1993; and

4 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas is survived by his wife, Vergie Griffin Thomas;
5 three children, Kathy Thomas Bradshaw, Rebecca Sue Thomas Whitley, and Joe Max
6 Thomas, Jr.; seven grandchildren; and several other relatives and close friends; and

7 Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of Joe
8 Max Thomas;

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

10 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Joe Max Thomas
11 and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and
12 devoted service to North Carolina.

13 Sec. 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sorrow to the family and
14 friends of Joe Max Thomas for the loss of a beloved family man and a true friend.

15 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
16 to the family of Joe Max Thomas.

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