

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 236**

(Public)

Short Title: Honoring Life and Memory/Senator John B. Codington, MD.

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Sponsors: Senators Carpenter, Ballantine, Cochrane, Smith, Kincaid, Simpson, Shaw, Blackmon, Forrester, Allran, Hartsell, McDaniel, Davis, Gulley, Parnell, Kerr, Foxx, Ledbetter, Clark, Hobbs, Basnight, Odom, Lucas, Horton, Conder, Little, Perdue, McKoy, Jordan, Sawyer, Rand, Carrington, Albertson, Speed, Warren, Martin of Guilford, Plexico, East, Webster, Cooper, Winner, Martin of Pitt, Soles, Edwards, Hoyle, Plyler, Sherron, Dannelly, and Ballance.

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Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate

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February 22, 1995

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF SENATOR  
2 JOHN BONNELL CODINGTON, MD.

3 Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington was born in Wilmington, North  
4 Carolina on October 27, 1925, to Herbert A. Codington and Jessie Peck Codington; and

5 Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington graduated from Davidson College in  
6 1949, and from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1953; and

7 Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington spent most of his life in his native  
8 Wilmington and contributed greatly to the quality of its life; and

9 Whereas, until his retirement in 1990, Dr. John Bonnell Codington practiced  
10 general surgery for 32 years at James Walker, New Hanover, and Cape Fear Memorial  
11 hospitals; and

12 Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington was active throughout his life in civic  
13 and community affairs, serving as a member of the New Hanover County Board of  
14 Education, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at  
15 Wilmington, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of Champion McDowell Davis  
16 Charitable Foundation; and

1           Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington was elected to the State Senate in  
2 1993, where he served on several committees including the Appropriations  
3 Subcommittee on General Government, Children and Human Resources, Insurance,  
4 Judiciary I, and Ways and Means; and

5           Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington was a veteran of World War II, serving  
6 his country from 1943 to 1946; and

7           Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington was awarded the Civil Rights Award  
8 in 1983, and was honored as Professor of the Year in 1985; and

9           Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington was a life-long member of the First  
10 Presbyterian Church, where he served as ruling elder; and

11           Whereas, for more than 15 years, Dr. John Bonnell Codington gave freely of  
12 his time and energy as a medical missionary in Leogane, Haiti, treating the sick and  
13 teaching surgical techniques to local doctors; and

14           Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington, citizen of North Carolina, died on  
15 March 1, 1994, bringing to an end his meaningful and illustrative life; and

16           Whereas, Dr. John Bonnell Codington is survived by his wife, Elizabeth  
17 Carter Codington; his daughters, Elizabeth Codington Reid and Anne Codington  
18 Autrey; his son, John Bonnell Codington, Jr.; and five grandchildren; and

19           Whereas, it is the desire of the General Assembly to duly recognize Dr. John  
20 Bonnell Codington's service and pay tribute to his life;

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

22           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Dr. John Bonnell  
23 Codington and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for  
24 his life and service to his community and to North Carolina.

25           Sec. 2. The General Assembly expresses its deepest sorrow to the family and  
26 friends of Dr. John Bonnell Codington for the loss of a beloved husband, father,  
27 grandfather, and a true friend.

28           Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
29 to the family of Dr. John Bonnell Codington.

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