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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

Sponsors: Representatives Brubaker; Dockham, Goodwin, and K. Williams.

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

March 27, 2003

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE
2 ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF FORMER
3 COMMISSIONERS JAMES H. WEAVER AND ROBERT C. JAMES.

4 Whereas, the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) was founded on May 8, 1953;
5 and

6 Whereas, the original members of the ACC were Clemson University, Duke
7 University, North Carolina State University, Wake Forest University, the University of
8 Maryland, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the University of South
9 Carolina; and

10 Whereas, the University of Virginia joined the ACC in December of 1953,
11 Georgia Tech in April of 1978, and Florida State University in July of 1991; and

12 Whereas, the University of South Carolina withdrew from the conference in
13 June of 1971, the only school ever to do so in ACC history; and

14 Whereas, the ACC is one of the strongest conferences in the nation, having
15 captured 82 national championships, including 40 in men's competitions and 42 in
16 women's competitions; and

17 Whereas, many of the ACC's student-athletes have become All-Americans,
18 Olympians, professional athletes, and coaches; and

19 Whereas, some of the ACC's top 50 male and female athletes include Michael
20 Jordan, Tom Bursleson, Arnold Palmer, David Thompson, Shane Battier, David Duval,
21 Mia Hamm, Marion Jones, Andrea Stinson, and Julie Shea; and

22 Whereas, many of the ACC's student-athletes have also been outstanding in
23 their classrooms and their academic communities as caring volunteers and role models;
24 and

25 Whereas, the success of the ACC is a fitting testimonial and memorial to the
26 administrators of the conference, including former commissioners James H. Weaver and
27 Robert C. James; and

28 Whereas, James H. Weaver, a former football coach and athletic director at
29 Wake Forest University, served as the ACC's first full-time commissioner from July 1,
30 1954, to July 11, 1970; and

1 Whereas, Robert C. James, an outstanding athlete at the University of
2 Maryland and former commissioner of the Mid-American Conference, served as the
3 ACC's commissioner from March 1, 1971, to May 12, 1987; and

4 Whereas, for 50 years, the ACC has provided thrilling sports entertainment to
5 countless students, alumni, and fans; and

6 Whereas, with North Carolina being home to four of the nine ACC
7 universities, it is with great pride that the General Assembly congratulates the ACC on
8 its 50th anniversary; Now, therefore,

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly commends the Atlantic Coast
11 Conference on its 50th anniversary and expresses the appreciation of the citizens of this
12 State to the athletes, coaching staffs, and commissioners, past and present, for their
13 dedication to the athletic programs of the ACC.

14 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly encourages the citizens of this State to
15 join them in celebrating May 8, 2003, as Atlantic Coast Conference Day.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 resolution to John Swofford, Commissioner of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

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