

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80009-LG-1 (09/29)

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE FOUNDERS OF ROTARY
2 INTERNATIONAL ON THE ORGANIZATION'S ONE HUNDREDTH
3 ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, on February 23, 1905, a group of friends led by Paul P. Harris met
5 in Chicago to establish a professional club in their community; and

6 Whereas, the early meetings of this group rotated among the businesses in the
7 area, thus, the name "Rotary" was chosen for this newly formed organization; and

8 Whereas, the popularity of Rotary increased and clubs quickly formed
9 throughout the United States and around the world; and

10 Whereas, in 1922, the name Rotary International was adopted; and

11 Whereas, today, more than 1.2 million business and professional leaders
12 belong to over 31,000 Rotary clubs in 166 countries worldwide; and

13 Whereas, for 100 years, Rotary members have been committed to serving
14 their communities by participating in projects that address important issues such as
15 illiteracy, poverty, hunger, children-at-risk, career development, and global health
16 concerns; and

17 Whereas, Rotary clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures,
18 races, and creeds; and

19 Whereas, the existence of Rotary has made a tremendous difference in the
20 communities in which we live; Now, therefore,

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

22 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors founders of Rotary
23 International for their role in establishing the world's first service organization.

24 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly congratulates Rotary International on
25 its 100th anniversary and commends the organization for its continued service around
26 the world.

27 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
28 resolution to the president of Rotary International.

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SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.