

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR10420-LG-473 (04/26)

Sponsors: Representative Harrell.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
2 MOUNTAINEERS ON WINNING THE 2005 DIVISION I-AA FOOTBALL
3 CHAMPIONSHIP AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF JIM BRAKEFIELD,
4 FORMER FOOTBALL COACH OF APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

5 Whereas, the late Jim Brakefield, former head coach of Appalachian State
6 University's football team, led the Mountaineers to 47 victories from 1971 to 1979 and
7 helped the team transition into the Southern Conference and the National Collegiate
8 Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I; and

9 Whereas, since that time, the Appalachian State University football program
10 has continued its tradition of excellence; and

11 Whereas, on December 16, 2005, Appalachian State University won the 2005
12 NCAA Division I-AA Football Championship by defeating the University of Northern
13 Iowa by a score of 21-16; and

14 Whereas, the 2005 championship was ASU's first Division I-AA NCAA title
15 and the first football championship title for any public college or university in the State
16 of North Carolina; and

17 Whereas, many individual Mountaineer players were recognized for their
18 efforts during the season, including defensive ends Marques Murrell and Jason Hunter
19 and safety Corey Lynch, who were named to the I-AA All America team; and

20 Whereas, senior quarterback Richie Williams, Southern Conference
21 Offensive Player of the Year, helped the Mountaineers win the championship game by
22 playing during the second half with an injured ankle; and

23 Whereas, Jerry Moore, head coach since 1989, earned his first national title
24 and improved his number of victories to 140, the most wins for any coach in the
25 Southern Conference; and

26 Whereas, the Mountaineers not only won the national championship but were
27 named the Southern Conference champions and finished their 2005 season with a record
28 of 12-3; and

1 Whereas, the entire football team and coaching staff deserve congratulations
2 for their extraordinary accomplishments; and

3 Whereas, Appalachian State's national championship has brought great honor
4 and distinction to the State and deserves recognition and appreciation; Now, therefore,
5 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

6 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly congratulates the Appalachian State
7 University Mountaineers on winning the 2005 National Collegiate Athletic Association
8 Division I-AA Football Championship and recognizes the achievements of the players,
9 coaches, students, alumni, and support staff who were instrumental in helping
10 Appalachian State University win the championship.

11 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Jim Brakefield
12 for his contributions to the football program at Appalachian State University from 1971
13 to 1979.

14 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution
15 to Appalachian State University Chancellor Kenneth Peacock and head coach Jerry
16 Moore and the family of Jim Brakefield.

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