

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

H

2

HOUSE BILL 944
Committee Substitute Favorable 5/11/05

Short Title: Adopt the Salute to the NC Flag. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 29, 2005

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ADOPTING THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF NORTH CAROLINA AS
3 THE OFFICIAL PLEDGE TO THE STATE FLAG.

4 Whereas, an official State flag was first recognized in 1861, with a new
5 design adopted in 1885; and

6 Whereas, in 1907 the General Assembly enacted legislation requiring the flag
7 to be displayed at all State institutions, public buildings, and courthouses; and

8 Whereas, many organizations and groups use the salute to the North Carolina
9 flag at their meetings and conventions; and

10 Whereas, there is no record of an official pledge to the State flag having been
11 adopted; and

12 Whereas, for the purpose of promoting greater loyalty and respect to the State
13 of North Carolina and inasmuch as a special act of the legislature adopted an emblem of
14 our government known as the North Carolina flag; Now, therefore,
15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 144 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
17 new section to read:

18 **"§ 144-7. State salute to the North Carolina flag.**

19 The phrase "I salute the flag of North Carolina and pledge to the Old North State
20 love, loyalty, and faith." is adopted as the official salute to the North Carolina flag."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.