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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2064
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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JAMES
2 PRESTON "JIMMY" GREEN, JR., AN ATTORNEY AND A MAN OF GREAT
3 COMPASSION WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY IN HIS COMMUNITY TO
4 IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE LESS FORTUNATE.

5 Whereas, James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr., was born on November 19,
6 1958, in the United States Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, to Dr. James Preston
7 Green, Sr., and Carolyn Marie Smith Green; and

8 Whereas, Jimmy Green received his early education in the Vance County
9 public school system; graduated from Vance Senior High School in 1976; earned a
10 bachelor's of science degree, with honors, in public administration, from North Carolina
11 Central University in 1980, a master's degree in public affairs from North Carolina State
12 University in 1982, and a juris doctor degree from North Carolina Central University
13 School of Law in 1986; and

14 Whereas, early in his legal career, Jimmy Green, who was fondly referred to
15 by his clients and members of the public as "Attorney Green," served as executive
16 director of The North Carolina Coalition of Rural Farm Families and as an adjunct
17 professor of public administration at North Carolina Central University; and

18 Whereas, Jimmy Green established law offices in Raleigh, Durham, and
19 Henderson, North Carolina, and provided legal representation in the areas of Social
20 Security disability, bankruptcy, traffic offenses, and real estate; and

21 Whereas, Jimmy Green was dedicated to providing quality legal services to
22 his clients regardless of their ability to pay and worked diligently on their behalf to
23 resolve their legal concerns in a way that left them empowered; and

24 Whereas, Jimmy Green was active in the legal community, serving as a
25 member of the North Carolina State Bar Association, the North Carolina Association of
26 Black Lawyers, the Charles W. Williamson Bar Association in Henderson, North
27 Carolina, and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys; and

28 Whereas, Jimmy Green was an advocate for and legal counselor to many
29 small farmers in the State and did pro bono work for the Land Loss Prevention Project
30 at North Carolina Central University School of Law and for Operation Spring Plan, an

1 organization in Oxford, North Carolina, which provides technical assistance to small
2 farmers and others; and

3 Whereas, Jimmy Green was devoted to the youth in his community, serving
4 as a member or supporter of The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition in Vance
5 County; About Face II, Inc., an organization that educates high school dropouts; the
6 Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America; and the Board of Directors of the
7 Vance County Boys and Girls Club; and

8 Whereas, Jimmy Green made time to get involved in his community by
9 working with a number of organizations that are committed to helping others, including
10 serving as President of the Vance County branch of the NAACP, the Vance County
11 Organization to Implement Community Excellence, and the Zeta Alpha Chapter of
12 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

13 Whereas, Jimmy Green, a great-grandson of North Carolina Central
14 University founder, Dr. James E. Shepard, founded The James E. Shepard Center for
15 Truth and Service, a nonprofit organization that is committed to preserving the history
16 and legacy of Dr. Shepard and the historic properties surrounding North Carolina
17 Central University. He was a strong supporter of the Shepard Alliance for
18 Enlightenment, a nonprofit historic preservation fund in the Triangle Community
19 Foundation that is also working to preserve the history of Dr. Shepard and others who
20 worked tirelessly to make North Carolina Central University a "gem" in the UNC
21 system; and he worked diligently alongside his sister, Carolyn Green Boone, J.D., and
22 the members of the Shepard House Restoration Committee to renovate and restore the
23 home of Dr. and Mrs. James E. Shepard on Fayetteville Street in Durham, North
24 Carolina; and

25 Whereas, in addition to his love of the law, Jimmy Green also loved the arts,
26 particularly acting, which he pursued in high school and college, and photography, an
27 avocation he took up in high school and continued to enjoy over the years as he became
28 more accomplished and expanded his interests and talents into other areas, including
29 Web site design; and

30 Whereas, Jimmy Green was, in his youth, a member of Cotton Memorial
31 Presbyterian Church in Henderson, North Carolina, he later joined Covenant
32 Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina, and, in recent years, worshipped at
33 Poplar Springs Christian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he was actively
34 involved with the Board of Directors; and

35 Whereas, Jimmy Green died on September 27, 2006; and

36 Whereas, Jimmy Green leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Diane Baker
37 Green; his children, James Preston Green, III; Courtney Green; Kiah Green; and
38 Alexander Green; and his stepdaughter, LaMonda Sykes; his mother, Mrs. Carolyn
39 Marie Smith Green; his sister, Carolyn Green Boone, J.D.; his brother, Isaac H. Green,
40 Sr.; and five adoring nieces and nephews; Now, therefore,

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

42 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life of James Preston
43 "Jimmy" Green, Jr., attorney and civic leader, for his commitment to providing legal
44 services in Raleigh, Durham, Garner, and Henderson and for his dedication to

1 preserving the legacy of Dr. James E. Shepard, founder of North Carolina Central
2 University.

3 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends sympathy to the family of
4 James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr., for the loss of a beloved family member.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution
6 to the family of James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr.

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