

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR55364-LG-406 (03/13)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Brown.

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Referred to:

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1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF MILDRED  
2        THOMAS, FORMER REGISTER OF DEEDS OF ONSLOW COUNTY.

3            Whereas, Mildred M. Thomas, was born on December 27, 1912, to Hahn  
4    Morton and Minnie Waters Morton in Jacksonville, North Carolina; and

5            Whereas, Mildred M. Thomas attended White Oak High School in  
6    Jacksonville, North Carolina, and earned her bachelor's degree from Motts Business  
7    College; and

8            Whereas, on June 12, 1937, Mildred Thomas joined the Register of Deeds  
9    Office as the assistant to the Register of Deeds, becoming the first woman to work in  
10   Onslow County government; and

11           Whereas, Mildred Thomas was elected Register of Deeds on August 2, 1949,  
12   becoming the first woman to hold an elected office in Onslow County; and

13           Whereas, Mildred Thomas was an outstanding leader in Onslow County and  
14   received the Onslow County's Honorable Arthur Onslow Citizenship Award; and

15           Whereas, in 1987 Mildred Thomas became a member of the State of North  
16   Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine in conjunction with her 50th anniversary in  
17   Onslow County government; and

18           Whereas, she continued as Register of Deeds for 58 continuous years of  
19   service thus serving as North Carolina's longest serving elected official; and

20           Whereas, Mildred Thomas was honored with the Old North State Award on  
21   December 18, 2006; and

22           Whereas, Mildred Thomas resigned as the Register of Deeds on December  
23   28, 2006, at the age of 94 years old, after leading a very distinguished life and career as  
24   a public servant; Now, therefore,

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

26           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and career of Mildred  
27   M. Thomas for her accomplishments and her contributions to the community, Onslow  
28   County, and State of North Carolina.

1                   **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
2 resolution to Mildred M. Thomas.

3                   **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.