

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

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1390**

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Sponsors:     Senator Brown.

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Referred to:  Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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March 26, 2007

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.

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

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