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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR70099-LG-27B (01/29)

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Sponsors: Representative McElraft.

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JEAN ROUSE  
2 PRESTON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston was born May 25, 1935, in Greene County to Marvin  
4 Wayne and Emma Mae Kearney Rouse; and

5 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston graduated from Snow Hill High School in 1953,  
6 attended Flora MacDonald College from 1953 to 1955, and earned a bachelor's degree in  
7 Business Education in 1957 and a master's degree in Education in 1973 from East Carolina  
8 University; and

9 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston furthered her education by completing the Public  
10 Manager Program at the North Carolina State Personnel Development Center in 1989; and

11 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston was a lifelong educator, teaching business education  
12 in the Wilson County and Greene County Schools and at Lenoir Community College, and later  
13 serving as the Director of Reading for K-12 students and the Program Administrator for  
14 Children with Special Needs in Greene County; and

15 Whereas, prior to her retirement, Jean Rouse Preston served as Principal and  
16 Director of Education for the Barnes School at the Caswell Center in Kinston; and

17 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston made her home in Carteret County after retiring from  
18 the field of education; and

19 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston served with honor and distinction in the North  
20 Carolina General Assembly as a member of the House of Representatives for seven terms  
21 between 1993 and 2006, where she represented the people of Carteret, Jones, and Onslow  
22 Counties, and as a member of the Senate for three terms between 2007 and 2012, where she  
23 represented the people of Carteret, Craven, and Pamlico Counties; and

24 Whereas, during her tenure in the General Assembly, Jean Preston Rouse was an  
25 advocate for education, serving as vice-chair of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
26 Education and House Committee on Education and as cochair of the Senate Committee on  
27 Education/Higher Education and the Senate Subcommittee on Education/Higher Education;  
28 and

29 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston was a member of the Cape Carteret Presbyterian  
30 Church; and

31 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston was named one of the "One Hundred Incredible East  
32 Carolina University Women" in 2007 and received the Covenant with North Carolina Children  
33 Award in 2005; and

34 Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston died on January 10, 2013, at the age of 77; and

35 Whereas, prior to her death, Jean Rouse lost husband, Hugh Forbes Hardy; husband,  
36 Colonel John Edward Preston; and daughter, Lisa Forbes Hardy; and



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1           Whereas, Jean Rouse Preston is survived by daughter, Suzanne Hardy Castleberry  
2 (Jeff); and two grandchildren, Cameron Hardy Castleberry and Jeffrey Parker Castleberry, Jr.;  
3 Now, therefore,

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

5           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Jean Rouse  
6 Preston and expresses its appreciation for the service she rendered to her community and the  
7 State of North Carolina.

8           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of  
9 Jean Rouse Preston for the loss of a beloved family member.

10           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
11 resolution to the family of Jean Rouse Preston.

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