

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2066

Sponsors: Representatives Justice, Cunningham, Pate (Primary Sponsors); and Martin.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

July 23, 2007

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY TO HOLD
2 A COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW USS NORTH CAROLINA
3 IN THE PORT OF WILMINGTON.

4 Whereas, the United States Navy has honored the State with four ships
5 bearing the name of North Carolina; and

6 Whereas, the first was a 74-gun ship that served from 1820 to 1836; the
7 second North Carolina was a Tennessee-class armored cruiser that served from 1908 to
8 1921; and the third North Carolina was the first of the Navy's modern battleships,
9 serving from 1940 to 1947, earning 12 battle stars for service during World War II, and
10 currently serving as a memorial for all North Carolinians killed in World War II in
11 Wilmington; and

12 Whereas, the new USS North Carolina (SSN 777) is a 377-foot, 7,800-ton
13 attack submarine able to carry a crew of 134; and

14 Whereas, the USS North Carolina cost \$2.4 billion and is part of the highly
15 advanced Virginia class submarines; and

16 Whereas, the USS North Carolina was christened in a ceremony at the
17 Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipyard on April 21, 2007; and

18 Whereas, the USS North Carolina is expected to be delivered to the Navy in
19 December 2007; and

20 Whereas, support is mounting to hold a commissioning ceremony for the USS
21 North Carolina in the Port of Wilmington; Now, therefore,

22 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

23 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina House of Representatives urges the
24 Secretary of the Navy to hold a commissioning ceremony for the new USS North
25 Carolina in the Port City of Wilmington.

26 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this
27 resolution to The Honorable Donald C. Winter, Secretary of the Navy.

28 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.