

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007

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SENATE DRS35088-LG-189 (02/20)

Short Title: Adopt Salute to Flag. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Dorsett.

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Referred to:

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ADOPTING THE SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF NORTH CAROLINA AS  
3 THE OFFICIAL PLEDGE TO THE STATE FLAG.

4 Whereas, an official State flag was first recognized in 1861, with a new  
5 design adopted in 1885; and

6 Whereas, in 1907 the General Assembly enacted legislation requiring the flag  
7 to be displayed at all State institutions, public buildings, and courthouses; and

8 Whereas, many organizations and groups use the salute to the North Carolina  
9 flag at their meetings and conventions; and

10 Whereas, there is no record of an official pledge to the State flag having been  
11 adopted; and

12 Whereas, for the purpose of promoting greater loyalty and respect to the State  
13 of North Carolina and inasmuch as a special act of the legislature adopted an emblem of  
14 our government known as the North Carolina flag; Now, therefore,

15 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

16 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 144 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a  
17 new section to read:

18 **"§ 144-8. State salute to the North Carolina flag.**

19 The phrase "I salute the flag of North Carolina and pledge to the Old North State  
20 love, loyalty, and faith." is adopted as the official salute to the North Carolina flag."

21 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.