

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1155

Sponsors: Representatives Thompson; Brubaker, Adams, Aldridge, Alexander, Allred, Arnold, Baddour, Baker, Barbee, Beall, Berry, Black, Blue, Bonner, Bowie, Boyd-McIntyre, Braswell, Brawley, Brown, Buchanan, Cansler, Capps, Carpenter, Church, Clary, Cole, Crawford, Creech, Culp, Culpepper, Cunningham, Daughtry, Davis, Decker, Dedmon, Dickson, Dockham, Earle, Easterling, Eddins, Ellis, Esposito, Fitch, Fox, Gamble, Gardner, Goodwin, Grady, Gray, Gulley, Hackney, Hall, Hardaway, Hardy, Hensley, Hiatt, Hightower, Hill, Holmes, Howard, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Hurley, Insko, Ives, Jarrell, Jeffus, Justus, Kinney, Kiser, Luebke, McAllister, McComas, Mccombs, McCrary, McMahan, Mercer, Michaux, Miller, Miner, Mitchell, Moore, Morgan, Morris, Mosley, Neely, Nesbitt, Nichols, Nye, Oldham, Owens, Preston, Ramsey, Rayfield, Redwine, Reynolds, Rogers, Russell, Saunders, Sexton, Sherrill, Shubert, Smith, Starnes, Sutton, Tallent, Tolson, Wainwright, Warner, Warwick, Watson, Weatherly, Wilkins, C. Wilson, G. Wilson, Womble, Wood, Wright, and Yongue.

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

April 24, 1997

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION INVITING THE REVEREND BILLY GRAHAM TO
2 ADDRESS A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND
3 THE SENATE AND INVITING GOVERNOR JAMES B. HUNT, JR.

4 Whereas, Billy Graham has distinguished himself through his contributions to
5 morality, racial equality, family, philanthropy, and religion; and

6 Whereas, perhaps America's most respected and admired evangelical leader
7 of the past half century, Billy Graham has reached millions of people through crusades
8 and television; and

9 Whereas, Billy Graham has exemplified the highest ideals of teaching,
10 counseling, ethics, charity, faith, and family; and

1 Whereas, Billy Graham's daily newspaper column and numerous books have
2 provided spiritual counseling and personal enrichment to millions of people; and

3 Whereas, Billy Graham and Ruth Graham, his wife of 53 years, have been the
4 driving force to create the Ruth and Billy Graham Children's Health Center at Memorial
5 Mission Hospital in Asheville, North Carolina, whose vision it is to improve the health
6 and well-being of children and to become a new resource for ending the pain and
7 suffering of children; and

8 Whereas, Billy Graham has received numerous awards and honorary degrees
9 including the Congressional Gold Medal in 1996, the North Carolina Award for Public
10 Service in 1986, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1983, the Sylvanus Thayer
11 Award from the United States Military Academy Association of Graduates at West
12 Point in 1972, the International Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of
13 Christians and Jews in 1971, and the Gold Award of the George Washington Carver
14 Memorial Institute in 1964; and

15 Whereas, Billy Graham has participated in eight presidential inaugurations
16 from the inauguration of President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965 to the inauguration of
17 President William J. Clinton in 1997; Now, therefore,

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

19 Section 1. The Reverend Billy Graham is invited to address a joint session of
20 the House of Representatives and the Senate in the Hall of the House of Representatives
21 at 6:00 p.m., Monday, May 5, 1997.

22 Section 2. The Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr., Governor, is invited to the joint
23 session.

24 Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
25 resolution to the Reverend Billy Graham and the Governor of the State of North
26 Carolina.

27 Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.