

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 340**

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March 10, 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

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

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

18 Whereas, Billy Graham has received numerous awards and honorary degrees  
19 including the Congressional Gold Medal in 1996, the North Carolina Award for Public  
20 Service in 1986, the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1983, the Sylvanus Thayer  
21 Award from the United States Military Academy Association of Graduates at West  
22 Point in 1972, the International Brotherhood Award from the National Conference of

1 Christians and Jews in 1971, and the Gold Award of the George Washington Carver  
2 Memorial Institute in 1964; and

3           Whereas, Billy Graham has participated in eight presidential inaugurations  
4 from the inauguration of President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1965 to the inauguration of  
5 President William J. Clinton in 1997;

6 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

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

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

12           Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
13 resolution to the Reverend Billy Graham and the Governor of the State of North  
14 Carolina.

15           Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.