

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1401

Sponsors: Representatives Kennedy; Barnes, Barnhill, Blue, Bowman, Burke, Church, Colton, Cooper, N. Crawford, Cunningham, Easterling, Edwards, Fitch, Foster, Fussell, Gardner, Gist, Hardaway, Holt, Judy Hunt, H. Hunter, James, Jerals, Ligon, Locks, Lutz, Michaux, Perdue, Stamey, R. Thompson, Walker, Wicker, and Wisser.

Referred to: Rules.

April 27, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR.
2 ELIZABETH DUNCAN KOONTZ.

3 Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz honored the State of North Carolina
4 and all its citizens by a life of outstanding service to its people and these United States;
5 and

6 Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz served as the first black President of
7 the National Education Association, as the first black Director of the U.S. Department
8 of Labor, Women's Bureau, and as Assistant Superintendent of the North Carolina
9 Department of Instruction; and

10 Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz was appointed by Presidents Johnson,
11 Nixon, Ford, and Carter to serve on many important commissions where she represented
12 the United States; and

13 Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz was appointed by Governors Scott,
14 Holshouser, and Hunt to serve in many capacities on behalf of the State of North
15 Carolina; and

16 Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz was held in the highest esteem by
17 members of her chosen profession, teaching, so that they elected her to represent them
18 throughout her more than 30 years of practice in the education communities of this State
19 and Nation; and

1 Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz continued throughout her life to work
2 to assist working women in their quest to achieve equal pay and employment policies
3 that would affect positively the life of women and their families; and

4 Whereas, no job was too small for Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz in support of
5 the citizens of Salisbury and in particular her church and Livingstone College; and

6 Whereas, Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz strived continually to work with
7 young persons and women to encourage them to develop themselves to their fullest
8 potential;

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

10 Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of Dr.
11 Elizabeth Duncan Koontz and recognizes the importance of the contributions she made
12 during her lifetime.

13 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
14 to the family of Dr. Elizabeth Duncan Koontz and to the President of Livingstone
15 College.

16 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.