

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1989**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 722**

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Sponsors: Senators Hunt of Durham, Royall, and Ballance.

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Referred to: Rules.

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April 3, 1989

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR.  
2 JAMES E. SHEPHERD, FOUNDER OF NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL  
3 UNIVERSITY, AND NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY'S MEN'S  
4 BASKETBALL TEAM FOR ITS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5       Whereas, the North Carolina Central University men's basketball team won  
6 the 1989 National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II National  
7 Championship; and

8       Whereas, the Eagles beat Southeast Missouri State by a score of 73-46, the  
9 largest margin of victory in NCAA Division II Championship history; and

10       Whereas, this is the first national basketball title for the Eagles, bringing  
11 national recognition to the University and to its basketball program; and

12       Whereas, the Eagles had a 28-4 record this year, their best since 1951; and

13       Whereas, the Eagles were also the NCAA South Atlantic Region Champions,  
14 runners-up in the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Tournament, the  
15 CIAA Southern Division Champions with a 10-2 record; and

16       Whereas, when Michael Bernard became coach of the Eagles four years ago,  
17 the team had a record of 4-21; and

18       Whereas, Governor James G. Martin proclaimed March 28, 1989, as "North  
19 Carolina Central Day"; and

20       Whereas, Dr. James E. Shepherd, founder and former President of North  
21 Carolina Central University, would have been proud of the Eagles' accomplishment, for  
22 the men's basketball team showed the true characteristics of their mascot;

23 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

24       Section 1. The Senate wishes to honor the life and memory of James E.  
25 Shepherd for founding North Carolina Central University and serving as its president  
26 for 37 years.

1           Sec. 2. The Senate joins in the celebration of the North Carolina Central  
2 University men's basketball team for winning the 1989 National Collegiate Athletic  
3 Association Division II National Championship and expresses its appreciation to the  
4 head coach Michael J. Bernard; assistant coaches Gregory Jackson and Ronald  
5 Woodard; team members, Charles Alston, Fred Bennett, Henry Canty, Miles Clark,  
6 Jeffrey Hayes, Joel Hopkins, Sean Kearny, Eric Jackson, Derrick Johnson, Derrick  
7 Leak, Adrian McKinnon, Marvin Reed, Antoine Sifford, Dominique Stephens, Kelrick  
8 Thompson, Curtis Watkins; and student manager Anthony Daniels.

9           Sec. 3. The Senate invites Coach Michael J. Bernard to address the Senate.

10          Sec. 4. The Principal Clerk shall send certified copies of this resolution to all  
11 the individuals and the institution honored in this resolution.

12          Sec. 5. This resolution is effective upon adoption.