

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1991**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 286**

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Sponsors: Representatives Rhyne; Cunningham, Dickson, Flaherty, Gamble, Grady, Isenhower, Kimsey, Loflin, Morgan, and Pope.

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Referred to: Rules.

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March 21, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CHARLES  
2 RAPER JONAS, FORMER CONGRESSMAN AND "MISTER REPUBLICAN".

3       Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas was born on December 9, 1904, in Lincoln  
4 County to Charles Andrew and Rosa Petrie Jonas; and

5       Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas graduated from Lincolnton High School in  
6 1921, where he was voted "Best All Around Member of the Senior Class"; and

7       Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas received an AB degree in 1925 and a Juris  
8 Doctorate with high honors in 1928 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel  
9 Hill; and

10       Whereas, during Charles Raper Jonas's undergraduate years at the University  
11 of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he was a member of the track team, serving as captain  
12 in 1926 and holder of the State record in the half mile run; and

13       Whereas, while at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Charles  
14 Raper Jonas was president of the Dialectic Society in 1925, president of the Monogram  
15 Club in 1925, president of the student body in 1926, and permanent president of the  
16 Class of 1925; and

17       Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas was editor-in-chief of the University of North  
18 Carolina at Chapel Hill Law Review from 1927 to 1928 and a member of the Order of  
19 the Coif; and

20       Whereas, upon graduating from law school, Charles Raper Jonas entered into  
21 the practice of law with his father, Charles A. Jonas in 1928, in the firm of Jonas and  
22 Jonas; and

1           Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas was guided by the examples of his father,  
2 Charles A. Jonas, who had been a member of both the North Carolina House of  
3 Representatives and the Senate, the first Republican from North Carolina to serve in  
4 Congress in the twentieth century, and a candidate for the United States Senate; and

5           Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas practiced law continuously as a member of  
6 Jonas and Jonas until September 1940, when he was called to active service as a  
7 member of the North Carolina National Guard; and

8           Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas had an extensive military career, serving in the  
9 United States Army from 1940 to 1946, in the Cavalry as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1945,  
10 and in the Judge Advocate General Corps of the North Carolina National Guard as a  
11 Brigadier General; and

12           Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas was a member of several professional  
13 organizations, including the North Carolina Bar Association, serving as President from  
14 1946 until 1947 and the North Carolina Board of Law Examiners from 1948 to 1949;  
15 and

16           Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas was an Assistant United States Attorney from  
17 1931 to 1932; and

18           Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas was elected to Congress in 1952, the second  
19 Republican from North Carolina this century, his father being the first, and served with  
20 distinction until 1972; and

21           Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas was a member of the Congressional  
22 Appropriations Committee from 1954 until 1972, during which period the committee  
23 cut ninety-three billion dollars from budgets proposed by five presidents, including  
24 Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, and Nixon; and

25           Whereas, in respect for Charles Raper Jonas's long and pioneering service to  
26 his Party and to the goal of making North Carolina a two-party State, he came to be  
27 known as "Mr. Republican";

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

29           Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to honor the life  
30 and memory of Charles Raper Jonas and wishes to express its sympathy to his family  
31 for their loss.

32           Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
33 to the family of Charles Raper Jonas.

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