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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 286
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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 North Carolina Law
18 Review from 1927 to 1928 and a member of the Order of the Coif; and

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

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

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