

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 14
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 286

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Charles Raper Jonas was editor-in-chief of the North Carolina Law Review from 1927 to 1928 and a member of the Order of the Coif; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to honor the life and memory of Charles Raper Jonas.

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

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of May, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives