

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1250**

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Sponsors: Senators Plyler, Odom; Conder, Winner of Mecklenburg, Smith, Plexico, Sherron, Hyde, Tally, Ward, Blackmon, Edwards, Speed, Shaw, Carpenter, Codington, Hartsell, Richardson, Soles, Martin of Pitt, Hoyle, Parnell, Hunt, Perdue, Kerr, Cooper, Kincaid, Winner of Buncombe, Lee, Forrester, Allran, Cochrane, Warren, Jordan, Harris, Ballance, Marshall, Folger, Kaplan, Gulley, Johnson, Walker, Martin of Guilford, Basnight, Albertson, Daniel, and Sands.

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Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

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June 24, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE CHARLOTTE  
2 HORNETS FOR THEIR ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF  
3 NORTH CAROLINA, THE SOUTHERN PIEDMONT AREA, THE COUNTY OF  
4 MECKLENBURG, AND THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

5       Whereas, many believe that basketball is North Carolina's favorite spectator  
6 sport; and

7       Whereas, the Charlotte Hornets since their inception in 1988 have developed  
8 and earned fan loyalty across the State; and

9       Whereas, the popularity of the Charlotte Hornets is evidenced by the  
10 attendance at their games; and

11       Whereas, since their first season in 1988-89, the Charlotte Hornets have led  
12 the NBA league four out of the last five seasons in attendance; and

13       Whereas, with a seating capacity of 23,698, the Charlotte Hornets have sold  
14 out 198 straight games in the Charlotte Coliseum; and

15       Whereas, a study conducted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
16 after the Hornets' first season estimated that the Hornets had added 110 million dollars  
17 to the local economy; and

18       Whereas, it has been estimated that the Charlotte Hornets have brought in an  
19 excess of 750 million dollars to the economy of the State of North Carolina in their first  
20 five years; and

1           Whereas, the Charlotte Hornets have also brought special recognition to the  
2 Charlotte-Mecklenburg area, to the Southern Piedmont, and to the State of North  
3 Carolina from television and other media exposure; and

4           Whereas, the members of the team seek to provide positive role models for  
5 the youth of the community; and

6           Whereas, this spectator sport has provided five years of good family  
7 entertainment; and

8           Whereas, this NBA franchise has become a North Carolina institution; and

9           Whereas, the team finished its 1992-93 season with a record of 44-38, and for  
10 the first time, the team achieved seeding in the NBA play-offs; and

11           Whereas, during the first round of the 1993 play-offs, the Charlotte Hornets  
12 achieved the second round of the play-offs by defeating the Boston Celtics three games  
13 to one; and

14           Whereas, the Charlotte Hornets became the first of the most recent expansion  
15 teams to advance to the NBA semifinals and played the New York Knicks; and

16           Whereas, it is with great pride and appreciation that the General Assembly  
17 pays tribute to the Charlotte Hornets, a North Carolina institution;

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

19           Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to recognize the Charlotte Hornets  
20 for their economic contributions to the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, the  
21 Southern Piedmont, and to the State of North Carolina. The General Assembly further  
22 wishes the team continued success in the future.

23           Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
24 to George Shinn, owner of the Charlotte Hornets, Head Coach Alan Bristow, and  
25 members of the team.

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