

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1236

Sponsors: Representatives Warner; Blue, Hightower, Hurley, Kinney, McAllister, Morris, and Yongue.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar & Operations of the House.

June 18, 1997

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CALVIN LEE
2 KOONCE, JR.

3 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. was born in Cumberland County, North
4 Carolina on November 18, 1940, and was a native of the Town of Hope Mills; and

5 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. graduated from Hope Mills High School in
6 1959 and attended Campbell College where he earned Junior College All-American
7 Honors in 1961; and

8 Whereas, because of his outstanding baseball talent, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr.
9 was signed by the Chicago Cubs in 1961; and

10 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. played the position of pitcher and won 10
11 games in his Rookie Season with the Cubs in 1962; and

12 Whereas, in 1967, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. joined the New York Mets and
13 played on the 1969 Mets World Championship Team; and

14 Whereas, in 1971, his last year playing professional baseball, Calvin Lee
15 Koonce, Jr. played for the Boston Red Sox; and

16 Whereas, after his professional career, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. returned to
17 North Carolina where he coached baseball at Fayetteville Academy in 1974, South
18 View High School from 1974 to 1979, Campbell University from 1979 to 1986, and
19 Terry Sanford High School from 1989 to 1991; and

20 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. served as general manager of the
21 Fayetteville Generals from 1986 to 1988, and as a scout for the Texas Rangers from
22 1991 to 1992; and

1 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. was inducted into the Campbell University
2 Sports Hall of Fame in 1987; and

3 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. was devoted to public service, having
4 served as the Hope Mills Town Manager from 1992 to 1993, as an elected member of
5 the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners, and as Mayor-Pro Tempore; and

6 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. was an active member of the Hope Mills
7 Methodist Church, where he served on the Administrative Board; and

8 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. died on October 18, 1993; and

9 Whereas, Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. is survived by his wife, Peggy Koonce; a
10 son, Chris Koonce; three daughters, Kelly Taylor, Kim Owen, and Kerry Gowan; three
11 grandchildren, Garrett Gowan, John Calvin Owen, and Lynnsey Taylor; his mother,
12 Mary Koonce; a sister, Marilyn Koonce; and two brothers, Charles Koonce and Don
13 Koonce; Now, therefore,

14 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

15 Section 1. The General Assembly expresses its high regard for the life and
16 service of Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr. and mourns the loss of this distinguished citizen.

17 Section 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
18 resolution to the family of Calvin Lee Koonce, Jr.

19 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.