

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1760

Sponsors: Representatives Alexander, Boyd-McIntyre, Russell; Adams, Allen, Baddour, Berry, Black, Bonner, Bowie, Brawley, Church, Clary, Cunningham, Daughtry, Dedmon, Earle, Easterling, Esposito, Fox, Gardner, Goodwin, Hall, Hardaway, Hensley, Hightower, Hill, Howard, Hurley, Insko, Jarrell, Jeffus, Luebke, Michaux, Moore, Morris, Mosley, Neely, Nesbitt, Nye, Owens, Preston, Ramsey, Redwine, Reynolds, Sherrill, Shubert, Smith, Sutton, Tolson, Wainwright, Warwick, Watson, C. Wilson, and Yongue.

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

July 20, 1998

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING LILLIAN E. CLEMENT, THE FIRST
2 WOMAN TO SERVE IN THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON
3 THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NATIONAL ORDER OF WOMEN
4 LEGISLATORS.

5 Whereas, 1998 will mark the 150th anniversary of the Women's Rights
6 Movement in the United States, a bold and courageous civil rights movement that began
7 in 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York, at the first Women's Rights Convention ever held;
8 and

9 Whereas, the Declaration of Sentiments issued by that convention represents
10 a work as fundamental to our nation's commitment to liberty and personal freedom as
11 does our Declaration of Independence; and

12 Whereas, the Declaration of Sentiments launched a movement that has
13 changed this nation and the hopes of its women irrevocably; and

14 Whereas, the resulting Women's Rights Movement has had a profound impact
15 on all aspects of American life and has opened new and well-deserved opportunities for
16 women in all fields of endeavor; and

1 Whereas, despite one and one-half centuries of efforts now spanning seven
2 generations of unceasing work to achieve equality for one-half the American
3 population, the twenty-first century will find an ever-increasing need for both women
4 and men to share in the fundamental responsibilities for our national life and the
5 blessings that must result from full and equal participation in society; and

6 Whereas, the National Order of Women Legislators, established in 1938, was
7 formed not long after women's suffrage was added to the United States Constitution as
8 the 19th Amendment; and

9 Whereas, not only have women won the right to vote, they are being elected
10 to public office at all levels of government; and

11 Whereas, it is the strongly-held belief of this legislature that, while much
12 remains to be accomplished, the Women's Rights Movement has been tremendously
13 successful in changing the status of women in this country; and

14 Whereas, on the 60th anniversary of the National Order of Women
15 Legislators, Inc., the General Assembly pauses to pay tribute for the life and
16 accomplishments of Lillian E. Clement of Buncombe County, who in 1921 was elected
17 to the House of Representatives, becoming the first woman to serve in the North
18 Carolina General Assembly; Now, therefore,

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

20 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Lillian E.
21 Clement and commends the National Order of Women Legislators upon the occasion of
22 the organization's 60th Anniversary and celebrates the Order's 60 years of leadership
23 and commitment to public service.

24 Section 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.