

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1169**

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Sponsors: Senator Lee.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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April 21, 1999

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF DR. DENISON  
2 OLMSTED, THE FIRST NORTH CAROLINA STATE GEOLOGIST ON THE  
3 ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH  
4 CAROLINA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

5       Whereas, the North Carolina Geological Survey is the nation's oldest  
6 geological survey, having been established by the General Assembly on December 31,  
7 1823; and

8       Whereas, Dr. Denison Olmsted, as the first state geologist, produced the first  
9 geologic map of a state in the nation in 1825, thereby producing the first state geological  
10 survey; and

11       Whereas, the North Carolina Geological Survey serves the citizens of North  
12 Carolina by examining the geology and mineral resources of the State; and

13       Whereas, the North Carolina Geological Survey administers cooperative  
14 geologic and topographic mapping programs; and

15       Whereas, the North Carolina Geological Survey's mission is to provide  
16 unbiased and technically accurate applied earth science scientific information to address  
17 societal needs through geologic maps, mineral resources and geochemical information,  
18 topographic maps, digital products, and earth science education materials; and

19       Whereas, a strong state geological survey will be essential for continued  
20 prosperity of the State and its citizens into the twenty-first century; and

21       Whereas, geology and the other earth sciences are fundamental to the safety,  
22 health, and welfare of North Carolinians and to the State's economy; and

1           Whereas, knowledge of the State's geology and geologic processes is essential  
2 for the proper understanding, protection, and management of the environment, and for  
3 mitigation of natural hazards; and

4           Whereas, the earth sciences are integral to finding, developing, and conserving  
5 the mineral, energy, and water resources needed for the continuing prosperity of North  
6 Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

8           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Dr. Denison  
9 Olmsted, and calls upon all North Carolinians to observe, celebrate, and participate in  
10 events commemorating the 175th anniversary of the first geological survey of a state  
11 authorized by a state legislature.

12           Section 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.