

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR65292-LG-149* (04/09)

Sponsors: Senator Soles.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF SAMUEL
2 KOONCE, FORMER CIVIC LEADER.

3 Whereas, the citizens of Columbus County suffered a great loss in the death
4 of Samuel Koonce, a devoted and lifelong servant of the community; and

5 Whereas, Samuel Koonce graduated from Chadbourn High School and
6 earned a degree in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

7 Whereas, Samuel Koonce was a second generation pharmacist and ran
8 successful pharmacies in the Towns of Chadbourn and Tabor City; and

9 Whereas, Samuel Koonce was politically active in his community, serving as
10 a town council member and Mayor of the Town of Chadbourn; and

11 Whereas, Samuel Koonce served two terms on the Columbus County Board
12 of Commissioners, one term of which was served as Chair of the Commission; and

13 Whereas, Samuel Koonce was a strong supporter of higher education and was
14 a charter member of the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees; and

15 Whereas, Samuel Koonce established a scholarship at Southeastern
16 Community College in memory of his parents; and

17 Whereas, Samuel Koonce served for a number of years on the Chadbourn
18 Board of Education and also served on the State Board of Health under Governor Terry
19 Sanford; and

20 Whereas, Samuel Koonce proudly served his country during World War II,
21 serving as a pilot for the United States Army; and

22 Whereas, Samuel Koonce made contributions to his community as a member
23 of the Columbus County Library Board and was active in the Chadbourn Lions Club;
24 and

25 Whereas, Samuel Koonce was a lifetime member of the Chadbourn United
26 Methodist Church, serving several terms as Chair of the Administrative Board; and

27 Whereas, Samuel Koonce leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Sarah Williams
28 Koonce; his children, Dr. Samuel G. Koonce, Harriette K. Sparlin, Sterling G. Koonce,

1 and William E. Koonce; and his grandchildren, John Hiatt, Elliott Koonce, Sarah Beth
2 Koonce, Lindsay Koonce, Jaclyn Koonce, Mary Grayson Koonce, and Elizabeth
3 Koonce; Now, therefore,

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

5 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Samuel Koonce
6 and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and
7 for service he rendered to his community and country.

8 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the
9 family and friends of Samuel Koonce.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
11 resolution to the family of Samuel Koonce.

12 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.