

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011

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SENATE RESOLUTION 856*

Sponsors: Senators Davis; and Pate.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 23, 2012

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT C.
2 "BOB" CARPENTER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Robert C. "Bob" Carpenter was born on June 18, 1924, in Macon County
4 to Edgar Jackson Carpenter and Eula Dean Carpenter; and

5 Whereas, Bob Carpenter grew up in Macon County and graduated from Franklin
6 High School in 1942; and

7 Whereas, Bob Carpenter earned a degree from the University of Virginia's School of
8 Consumer Banking; and

9 Whereas, Bob Carpenter served as an Aviation Cadet in the United States Navy
10 during World War II; and

11 Whereas, Bob Carpenter was a bank executive with the Bank of Franklin and the
12 Bank of Asheville and was Vice President of First Union Bank, managing five branches; and

13 Whereas, Bob Carpenter represented the citizens of Senatorial District 50 with
14 honor and distinction, providing outstanding leadership as a member of the Senate in the North
15 Carolina General Assembly for eight terms between 1988 and 2004; and

16 Whereas, Bob Carpenter served on numerous boards, including the Macon County
17 Board of County Commissioners; Macon County Economic Development Commission; Board
18 of Southwestern Community College; Franklin First Union Board of Directors, as chair; and
19 the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees, as president; and

20 Whereas, Bob Carpenter rendered invaluable service to his community as a member
21 of many civic, political, and youth organizations, including the Knights of Columbus,
22 American Legion, S.A.R.S., and Rotary Club of Franklin; and

23 Whereas, Bob Carpenter was a faithful member of the Saint Francis Catholic
24 Church in Franklin; and

25 Whereas, Bob Carpenter will be fondly remembered for his service and integrity, his
26 devotion to his family, and his unwavering spirit in defending his beliefs; and

27 Whereas, Bob Carpenter died on August 6, 2011, at the age of 87; and

28 Whereas, Bob Carpenter is survived by his wife, T. Helen Edwards Bryant
29 Carpenter; five children: Robert D. Carpenter, Dale R. Carpenter, Thomas Carpenter, Edgar G.
30 Carpenter, and Christine M. Carpenter; brother, Kenneth Carpenter; and three stepdaughters:
31 Deborah Bryant, Susan Zolo, and Rebecca Prince; Now, therefore,

32 Be it resolved by the Senate:

33 **SECTION 1.** The Senate honors the life and memory of Robert C. "Bob"
34 Carpenter and expresses its appreciation for his accomplishments and for the great service he
35 gave to the State of North Carolina and the citizens of Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood,
36 Jackson, Macon, Swain, and Transylvania Counties.



- 1 **SECTION 2.** The Senate extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Robert C.
2 "Bob" Carpenter for the loss of a beloved family member.
3 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
4 to the family of Robert C. "Bob" Carpenter.
5 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.