

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80463-LM-8 (10/19)

Sponsors: Representative Wray.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JAMES
2 PRESTON "JIMMY" GREEN, JR., AN ATTORNEY AND A MAN OF GREAT
3 COMPASSION WHO WORKED TIRELESSLY IN HIS COMMUNITY TO
4 IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THE LESS FORTUNATE.

5 Whereas, James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr., was born on November 19,
6 1958, in the United States Army Hospital in Landstuhl, Germany to Dr. James Preston
7 Green, Sr., and Carolyn Marie Smith Green; and

8 Whereas, Jimmy Green received his early education in the Vance County
9 public school system; graduated from Vance Senior High School in 1976; earned a
10 Bachelor of Science Degree, with honors, in Public Administration, from North
11 Carolina Central University in 1980, a master's degree in Public Affairs from North
12 Carolina State University in 1982, and a Juris Doctor degree from North Carolina
13 Central University School of Law in 1986; and

14 Whereas, early in his legal career, Jimmy Green, who was fondly referred to
15 by his clients and members of the public as "Attorney Green," served as executive
16 director of North Carolina Coalition of Rural Farm Families and as an adjunct professor
17 at North Carolina Central University; and

18 Whereas, Jimmy Green established law offices in Raleigh, Durham, and
19 Henderson, and provided legal representation in the areas of Social Security disability,
20 bankruptcy, traffic offenses, and real estate; and

21 Whereas, Jimmy Green was dedicated to providing quality legal services to
22 his clients regardless of their ability to pay, and worked diligently on their behalf to
23 resolve their legal concerns in a way that left them empowered; and

24 Whereas, Jimmy Green was active in the legal community, serving as a
25 member of the North Carolina State Bar Association, the North Carolina Association of
26 Black Lawyers, the Charles W. Williamson Bar Association in Henderson, North
27 Carolina, and the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys; and

1 Whereas, Jimmy Green was an advocate and legal counselor to many small
2 farmers in the State and for the organization Operation Spring Plant in Oxford, North
3 Carolina, which provides technical assistance to small farmers; and

4 Whereas, Jimmy Green was devoted to the youth in his community, serving
5 as a member or supporter of The Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition in Vance
6 County; About Face II, Inc., an organization that educates high school dropouts; the
7 Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America; and the Board of Directors of the
8 Vance County Boys and Girls Club; and

9 Whereas, Jimmy Green made time to get involved in his community by
10 working with a number of organizations that are committed to helping others, including
11 serving as President of the Vance County branch of the NAACP, the Vance County
12 Organization to Implement Community Excellence, and the Zeta Alpha Chapter of
13 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.; and

14 Whereas, Jimmy Green, a great-grandson of North Carolina Central
15 University founder, Dr. James E. Shepard, founded The James E. Shepard Center for
16 Truth and Service, a nonprofit organization that is committed to preserving the history
17 and legacy of Dr. Shepard and the historic properties surrounding North Carolina
18 Central University; he was a strong supporter of the Shepard Alliance for
19 Enlightenment, a nonprofit historic preservation fund in the Triangle Community
20 Foundation that is also working to preserve the history of Dr. Shepard and others who
21 worked tirelessly to make North Carolina Central University a "gem" in the UNC
22 system; and he worked diligently alongside his sister, Carolyn Green Boone, J.D., and
23 the members of the Shepard House Restoration Committee to renovate and restore the
24 home of Dr. and Mrs. James E. Shepard on Fayetteville Street in Durham, North
25 Carolina; and

26 Whereas, in addition to his love of the law, Jimmy Green also loved the arts,
27 particularly acting, which he pursued in high school and college, and photography, an
28 avocation he took up in high school and continued to enjoy over the years as he became
29 more accomplished and expanded his interests and talents into other areas, including
30 Web site design; and

31 Whereas, Jimmy Green was, in his youth, a member of Cotton Memorial
32 Presbyterian Church in Henderson, North Carolina, he later joined Covenant
33 Presbyterian Church in Durham, North Carolina, and, in recent years, worshipped at
34 Poplar Springs Christian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, where he was actively
35 involved with the Board of Directors; and

36 Whereas, Jimmy Green, Jr., died on September 27, 2006; and

37 Whereas, Jimmy Green, Jr., leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Diane
38 Baker Green; his children, James Preston Green, III; Courtney Green; and Kiah Green;
39 Alexander Green; and his stepdaughter, LaMonda Sykes; his mother, Mrs. Carolyn
40 Marie Smith Green; his sister, Carolyn Green Boone, J.D.; and his brother, Isaac H.
41 Green, Sr.; Now, therefore,

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

43 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life of James Preston
44 "Jimmy" Green, Jr., attorney and civic leader, for his commitment to providing legal

1 services in Raleigh, Durham, Garner, and Henderson, and for his dedication to
2 preserving the legacy of Dr. James E. Shepard, founder of North Carolina Central
3 University.

4 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends sympathy to the family of
5 James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr., for the loss of a beloved family member.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution
7 to the family of James Preston "Jimmy" Green, Jr.

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