

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2064

Sponsors: Representative Wray.

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

July 12, 2007

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

40 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life of James Preston
41 "Jimmy" Green, Jr., attorney and civic leader, for his commitment to providing legal
42 services in Raleigh, Durham, Garner, and Henderson, and for his dedication to
43 preserving the legacy of Dr. James E. Shepard, founder of North Carolina Central
44 University.

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

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

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