

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2007-14**  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 674**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF WILLIAM PEACE,  
FOUNDER OF PEACE COLLEGE.

Whereas, William Peace (1773-1865) was a native North Carolinian from Granville County and a member of the second class of the University of North Carolina, a respected Raleigh merchant, and an educational proponent of the long-running Raleigh Academy and the University of North Carolina, and a founding elder of First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh; and

Whereas, in 1813 the General Assembly appointed William Peace and five other gentlemen to be City Commissioners to erect a dwelling for the Governor near the City of Raleigh; and

Whereas, in 1857, at the age of 84, William Peace donated \$10,000 and eight acres of land in the heart of North Carolina's Capital City on which to establish a Presbyterian school for girls and young ladies; and

Whereas, because of his generous gift, the name Peace Institute was selected for the school; and

Whereas, Peace College has grown from a kindergarten and preparatory school to a baccalaureate college true to its original mission for women; and

Whereas, because of his initial gift, Peace College has graduated thousands of women who have led and are leading lives of purpose, contributing to the quality of this great State; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of William Peace and recognizes March 14, 2007, as William Peace Day in recognition of his enduring contributions.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to Laura Carpenter Bingham, the President of Peace College.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2007.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives