

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1718*

Sponsors: Senators Plyler and Conder.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

June 20, 1994

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOE MAX
2 THOMAS, FORMER STATE SENATOR.

3 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas was born in Union County on July 9, 1915, the
4 son of the late John W. and Lillian Hasty Thomas; and

5 Whereas, after graduating from the Wake Forest College Law School in
6 1937, Joe Max Thomas returned to his home town of Marshville, where he successfully
7 practiced law until his retirement in 1983; and

8 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas was a member of the Union County Bar
9 Association and the American Bar Association and was a member of the State Bar
10 Association for more than 50 years; and

11 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas served as a judge in the Union County Recorder's
12 Court from 1948 to 1952; and

13 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas served his district and the State, serving with
14 distinction as a member of the North Carolina Senate for three terms, during the 1955,
15 1959, and 1961 Sessions of the General Assembly; and

16 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas was president of R.A. Thomas Gas Company for
17 a number of years and served on the Board of Directors of Security Bank in the Town of
18 Marshville; and

19 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas worked unselfishly for the betterment of his
20 community as a member of several civic and fraternal organizations including the
21 Shriners, the Masons, the American Legion, the Rotary Club, and the Lions Club; and

22 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas was a devoted and active member of the First
23 Baptist Church in Marshville, serving as a deacon and Sunday school teacher; and

24 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas proudly served his country as a member of the
25 United States Army from 1942 to 1945, and achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant; and

26 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas died on August 15, 1993; and

1 Whereas, Joe Max Thomas is survived by his wife, Vergie Griffin Thomas;
2 three children, Kathy Thomas Bradshaw, Rebecca Sue Thomas Whitley, and Joe Max
3 Thomas, Jr.; seven grandchildren; and several other relatives and close friends; and

4 Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of Joe
5 Max Thomas;

6 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

7 Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Joe Max Thomas
8 and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and
9 devoted service to North Carolina.

10 Sec. 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sorrow to the family and
11 friends of Joe Max Thomas for the loss of a beloved family man and a true friend.

12 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
13 to the family of Joe Max Thomas.

14 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.