

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1017**

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

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June 25, 2013

1   A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF THE DESIGNERS OF THE  
2    GROVE PARK INN WHILE OBSERVING THE INN'S ONE HUNDREDTH  
3    ANNIVERSARY.

4           Whereas, The Grove Park Inn sits on Sunset Mountain in Buncombe County, North  
5   Carolina; and

6           Whereas, The Grove Park Inn was envisioned and designed by Edwin Wiley Grove  
7   and his son-in-law Fred Loring Seely; and

8           Whereas, The Grove Park Inn had a groundbreaking ceremony on July 9, 1912, and  
9   opened to the public on July 12, 1913; and

10          Whereas, in his speech at the opening banquet, United States Secretary of State  
11   William Jennings Bryan proclaimed The Grove Park Inn as "the triumph of architectural skill  
12   mingled with a scenic splendor of nature's handiwork, the whole blending in one great harmony  
13   never before equaled in the annals of the builders' craft"; and

14          Whereas, The Grove Park Inn, upon its opening, was called "the finest resort hotel  
15   in the world" by newspapers across the United States; and

16          Whereas, the Spa at The Grove Park Inn, since its 2001 opening, has been  
17   consistently recognized as one of the top 20 in the world by prestigious travel publications; and

18          Whereas, The Grove Park Inn is the home of The National Gingerbread House  
19   Competition and Display; and

20          Whereas, The Grove Park Inn has the largest public display of Arts & Crafts style  
21   furniture in the world and has served as a retreat for 10 United States Presidents; and

22          Whereas, welcoming nearly 500,000 guests from around the world annually, The  
23   Grove Park Inn is the largest single contributor of occupancy tax to the Buncombe County  
24   Tourism Development Authority and is one of the largest private employers in the City of  
25   Asheville; and

26          Whereas, The Grove Park Inn celebrates its centennial on July 12, 2013; Now,  
27   therefore,

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

29           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Edwin Wiley Grove  
30   and Fred Loring Seely and expresses its appreciation for their role in establishing The Grove  
31   Park Inn.

32           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly recognizes The Grove Park Inn as an  
33   important landmark and joins the citizens of Asheville in congratulating The Grove Park Inn on  
34   its 100th anniversary.



1                   **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
2 resolution to The Grove Park Inn.

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