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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1100

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION DECLARING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT
2 CHAPEL HILL MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM A NORTH CAROLINA INSTITUTION
3 AND CONGRATULATING THEM ON SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS
4 RESULTING IN THE 2009 NCAA DIVISION I CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 Whereas, Dr. James A. Naismith created the sport of basketball in 1891 and
6 believed that all people should "be strong in body, clean in mind, lofty in ideals"; and

7 Whereas, Dr. Naismith was instrumental in establishing basketball as a collegiate
8 sport, serving as one of the game's first college coaches at the University of Kansas; and

9 Whereas, college basketball programs quickly sprang up all over the country after
10 Dr. Naismith's creation became well-publicized, leading to the formation of conferences to
11 govern and organize competition; and

12 Whereas, one of the first conferences to be organized was the Southern
13 Intercollegiate Athletic Association, founded in 1894, and one of its charter members was the
14 University of North Carolina; and

15 Whereas, the University of North Carolina's men's basketball program has been one
16 historically identified with the beliefs Dr. Naismith espoused; and

17 Whereas, the 2008-2009 men's basketball season began with the North Carolina Tar
18 Heels as the consensus Number One team in the major national polls; and

19 Whereas, the 2008-2009 Carolina men's basketball team finished Number One in
20 the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) regular season for a record 27th time with a 13-3 record;
21 and

22 Whereas, while it is generally recognized that a team's performance during the
23 regular season is important and often worthy of praise and remembrance, the three-week period
24 during which the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball championship is
25 decided captivates the attention of the citizens of our great nation like no other event; and

26 Whereas, the various stages of this three-week competition are known by several
27 different names, such as March Madness (although this year it ended in April), the Big Dance,
28 the Sweet Sixteen, the Elite Eight, the Final Four, and the NCAA Division I Championship;
29 and

30 Whereas, Carolina entered the 2009 version of March Madness as the Number One
31 seed in the South Regional, the 13th time Carolina has earned a top seed since the NCAA
32 selection committee began seeding the teams (with no other school being a Number One seed
33 more than 10 times); and

34 Whereas, Carolina's first four wins in the 2009 tournament over Radford, Louisiana
35 State, Gonzaga, and Oklahoma sent the Tar Heels to an NCAA record 18th Final Four, and
36 their ninth Final Four in the last 19 years, the third time in the last five years that Carolina has



1 played in the Final Four. No other ACC team has reached a regional final in those five years;
2 and

3 Whereas, Carolina's next two victories over Villanova and Michigan State made the
4 Tar Heels the 2008-2009 men's basketball National Champions, confirming both their
5 preseason Number One ranking and the predictions of their scrimmage partner, President
6 Barack Obama; and

7 Whereas, Carolina's national championship victory came in a game with the largest
8 attendance in NCAA championship game history (72,922) and gave the Tar Heels 102 victories
9 in NCAA men's basketball tournament play, the most of any team in NCAA history; and

10 Whereas, the 2009 Tar Heels broke the record for the most points scored in the first
11 half of a championship game (55) and the record for the largest halftime lead (21), became the
12 first team to win all six games by at least 12 points in the NCAA Tournament, and now have
13 the second-largest point differential in NCAA tournament history (+121); and

14 Whereas, the 89-72 Carolina win over Michigan State was a convincing and
15 thorough victory but one that left intact Duke's record for the worst loss in Final Four history
16 (103-73 to UNLV in 1990); and

17 Whereas, the 2008-2009 title is Carolina's fifth NCAA championship in men's
18 basketball, tying the Tar Heels for third place but giving them more national championships
19 than any other school in North Carolina; and

20 Whereas, the 1924 Carolina men's basketball team, which went 25-0, was chosen by
21 a panel of experts at the Helms Athletic Foundation to have been the country's best team and
22 was named "National Champion" in men's college basketball that year as well, said national
23 championship being the first men's basketball national championship won by a team from the
24 South; and

25 Whereas, Carolina now has the most NCAA men's basketball championships in the
26 "modern era" (defined to be that period after UCLA's last championship under John Wooden);
27 and

28 Whereas, the senior players on Carolina's 2009 National Champion men's basketball
29 team include Mike Copeland, Bobby Frasier, Marcus Ginyard, Danny Green, Tyler
30 Hansbrough, Patrick Moody, J.B. Tanner, and Jack Wooten; and

31 Whereas, the senior class of 2009 won 124 games during their four years at
32 Carolina, the most wins by any one class in Carolina history; and

33 Whereas, the senior players named above were undefeated in all away games played
34 within a 12-mile radius of Chapel Hill; and

35 Whereas, Tyler Hansbrough was an All-American all four years he played at
36 Carolina, was the consensus 2008 men's basketball National Player of the Year, won the
37 Lowe's Senior Award in 2009, which recognizes student athletes for staying in school all four
38 years and for academic, community, and athletic achievement, is the only player in ACC
39 history to be a unanimous First Team All-ACC selection for four years, holds NCAA records
40 for most free throws made (982), for most points (2,872), most games scoring in double figures
41 (133), most games scoring 20 or more points (78), most free throw attempts (1,241), and is the
42 only player in ACC history to lead his team in scoring and rebounding all four years; and

43 Whereas, Ty Lawson was the 2009 ACC men's basketball Player of the Year, was
44 the 2009 NCAA South Regional MVP, was a consensus Second Team All-American, won the
45 2009 Bob Cousy Award, given to the nation's top point guard, and set the NCAA championship
46 game record for steals with eight; and

47 Whereas, Wayne Ellington was named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2009
48 Final Four and broke the Final Four record for highest three-point field goal percentage (a
49 record previously held by fellow Tar Heel Donald Williams); and

50 Whereas, Danny Green set Carolina career records for most games played (145),
51 most wins (123), and is the only player in ACC history with 1,000 points, 500 rebounds, 250

1 assists, 150 three pointers, 150 blocks, and 150 steals, and became the fourth Tar Heel selected
2 to the league's All-Defensive Team; and

3 Whereas, Marc Campbell, Ed Davis, Larry Drew II, Deon Thompson, Justin Watts,
4 and Tyler Zeller all played very important roles throughout the season and in the NCAA
5 tournament to help lead Carolina to its national championship, with freshman Ed Davis selected
6 to the ACC All-Freshman Team and freshman Tyler Zeller selected to the ACC All-Academic
7 Team; and

8 Whereas, Coach Roy Williams, a Tar Heel born and bred, as well as a direct
9 descendant in the coaching "family tree" of Dr. Naismith, is a member of the National
10 Basketball Hall of Fame, was named America's Best Basketball Coach by Forbes Magazine this
11 year, became only the fourth active and 13th all-time coach to win two or more NCAA men's
12 basketball championships, has coached teams to seven Final Fours (five in the last eight years),
13 is third all-time and second among active coaches in NCAA Tournament victories, has a record
14 20 consecutive years winning at least one game in the NCAA tournament, holds the record for
15 active coaches for most consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, has led Carolina to four
16 ACC regular season championships in the last six years, and has the highest winning
17 percentage among active coaches; and

18 Whereas, Assistant Coaches Joe Holladay, Steve Robinson, C.B. McGrath, and
19 Jerod Haase have helped Coach Williams lead Carolina to two National Championships in the
20 last five years; and

21 Whereas, Inside Higher Education also did a 2009 NCAA Bracket Competition
22 based on Academic Progress Rates and Carolina won this national championship also; and

23 Whereas, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is home to many firsts and
24 achievements, including being established as the first public university in the nation, being the
25 only public university to admit students in the 18th century, being acknowledged nationwide for
26 excellence in athletics as well as academics, and being justifiably proud of a sky that is a
27 particularly beautiful shade of blue; Now, therefore,

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

29 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly declares the men's basketball team of the
30 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill a North Carolina Institution and expresses the
31 admiration and respect of the people of North Carolina to them for winning the 2009 National
32 Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Championship.

33 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly recognizes the perseverance, teamwork, and
34 hard work of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill men's basketball team members:
35 Marc Campbell, Mike Copeland, Ed Davis, Larry Drew II, Wayne Ellington, Bobby Frasor,
36 Marcus Ginyard, Will Graves, Danny Green, Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson, Patrick Moody,
37 J.B. Tanner, Deon Thompson, Justin Watts, Jack Wooten, and Tyler Zeller; and coaches and
38 staff: Roy Williams, Joe Holladay, Steve Robinson, C.B. McGrath, Jerod Haase, Chris Hirth,
39 Eric Hoots, Jonas Sahratian, Molly Brenner, Bobby Cooper, Zach Lagod, Brandon Rhodes,
40 Ryan Riedel, and Sean Stout.

41 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit certified copies of this
42 resolution to Head Coach Roy Williams; the team members, coaches, staff, and managers
43 honored in this resolution; Athletic Director Dick Baddour; and Chancellor Holden Thorp on
44 behalf of the university community.

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