

**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** March 21, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Resolution of Memoriam – James Breckenridge Blackburn

**PRESENTER:** Russ Burrell

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
1.) Resolution

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Board of Commissioners is requested to adopt a Resolution of Memoriam for James Breckenridge Blackburn.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to review the attached Resolution of Memoriam for James Breckenridge Blackburn.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

*I move that the Board adopts the Resolution of Memoriam for James Breckenridge Blackburn.*

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## RESOLUTION

### IN MEMORY OF JAMES BRECKENRIDGE BLACKBURN

WHEREAS, James Breckenridge Blackburn died March 5, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, for over twenty-five years Jim Blackburn was General Counsel for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, and a chief spokesman to North Carolina's legislature for the hundred counties; and,

WHEREAS, Blackburn merited and was awarded many honors for his work with the NCACC: he was frequently rated among the most effective lobbyists by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research; he received the Grainger Barrett Award for Excellence, given by the Government and Public Sector Section of the N.C. Bar Association; and was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for his long career in public service; and,

WHEREAS, Blackburn was also a colleague and friend to many, including those in Henderson County, working with our Commissioners, County Managers and County Attorneys to insure that Henderson County's needs and wishes were well-heard in the General Assembly; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County wish to remember and recognize Jim Blackburn's outstanding commitment and contribution to the counties of North Carolina, and to Henderson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Henderson County Board of Commissioners hereby remembers and honors the life of James Breckenridge Blackburn for his contributions to Henderson County and its people.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2012.

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