

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1983 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 45
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1385

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CLAUDE DEBRUHL.

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl was born in Madison County, January 5, 1915, the son of William LeRoy and Levasta Reece DeBruhl; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl attended the public schools of Buncombe County, graduated from Woodfin High School, graduated from Asheville-Biltmore College which is now the University of North Carolina at Asheville, attended Lenoir Rhyne College, graduated from Love Law School and graduated from the Appraisal School of the University of Georgia; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl graduated from "The Annapolis of the Air" at Pensacola, Florida, as a naval officer, served as an aviator in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters in World War II, and was honorably discharged as a Commander; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl was president of Claude DeBruhl Agency, Inc. - Real Estate, Insurance, Bonds, and Appraisers; was president of Allied Publishers, Inc. - Newspaper Publishers; was president of West Asheville Construction Company and was a land developer who supervised the construction of over 500 homes and the development of complete subdivisions; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl was very active in professional organizations as a member of local, State and National Boards of Realtors, as a member of the local, State and National Home Builders Association, as the president of the Western North Carolina Home Builders Association, 1969-70, and as a member and State Director of the local, State and National Association of Independent Fee Appraisers; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl worked unselfishly for the betterment of his community as a member of many fraternal organizations including the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the B.P.O. Elks, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Oasis Temple and Asheville Consistory Shrine and the Blackmer Masonic Lodge 170, as a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, as a member of the local school committee, as a scoutmaster, as a president of the West Asheville Kiwanis Club, as a member of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce and as a member of the West Asheville Business Association; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl served with great honor and distinction in the North Carolina General Assembly in 1969, 1971, 1973, 1975 and 1977, where he served on all major committees; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl was devoted to his alma mater, the University of North Carolina at Asheville, he was president of its Alumni Association, and while in the General Assembly, he was instrumental in its becoming a State-supported University; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl was in the forefront of all activity for veterans and the American Legion, he was awarded a plaque for "Outstanding Services Rendered" to disabled American veterans in 1965, 1966 and 1967, he was a member and commander of the West Asheville American Legion, he was a life member and department commander of AMVETS, he was a member and post and district commander of DAV, he was a member and legislative officer of VFW, he was a commander of the North Carolina Veterans Council and he was attending a meeting of AMVETS as its National Finance Officer when he died; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl, as a member and chairman of the Military and Veterans Officers Committee of the House of Representatives, continued his work for veteran's and was proud to say he never lost a veterans bill; and

Whereas, Claude DeBruhl is remembered by all who knew him as a man devoted to his family, to his church and to public service; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Claude DeBruhl and to express its sympathy to his widow, Revonda Miller DeBruhl and his two sons, Claude Michael DeBruhl and William Patrick DeBruhl; Now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of Claude DeBruhl and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens, particularly the people of Western North Carolina, for his life and service to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina expresses its deep sorrow to the family and friends of Claude DeBruhl for the loss of a beloved husband and father and a true friend.

Sec. 3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the family of Claude DeBruhl.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 12th day of July, 1983.