

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1319*

Sponsors: Senators Johnson of Wake; and Staton.

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June 22, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CLAUDE E.
2 POPE.

3 Whereas, Claude E. Pope was born in Harnett County, North Carolina, on
4 November 19, 1934, attended school in Harnett County, worked as a young man in
5 Eastern North Carolina, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and
6 graduated from that institution in 1956; and

7 Whereas, Claude E. Pope was an astute and honorable businessman, whose
8 dedicated service enriched not only those companies he served, but the people with
9 whom he worked and transacted business; and

10 Whereas, Claude E. Pope established notable careers with such important
11 North Carolina companies as Cameron-Brown Company and AMIC Corporation and
12 served on the boards of directors of such nationally recognized corporations as First
13 Union Corporation and Sunstates, Inc.; and

14 Whereas, Claude E. Pope always upheld the highest traditions of community
15 service in his business career, serving in leadership capacities with such organizations
16 as The Boy Scouts of America, the North Carolina Council for Economic Education,
17 Peace College, and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce; and

18 Whereas, Claude E. Pope was recognized by business leaders throughout the
19 nation for his vision and forward-thinking and served with distinction as president of the
20 Mortgage Bankers Association of America and as a member of the executive committee
21 of the Mortgage Insurance Companies of America, bringing honor to the State of North
22 Carolina; and

1 Whereas, Claude E. Pope worked tirelessly to assure all North Carolinians
2 access to adequate housing, as evidenced by his membership in the Housing
3 Roundtable, the Advisory Board of the Joint Center for Urban Studies of Massachusetts
4 Institute of Technology and Harvard University, the Urban Land Institute, the Mortgage
5 Roundtable of the National Association of Homebuilders, the Advisory Board of the
6 Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, and other similar organizations; and

7 Whereas, Claude E. Pope understood the importance of honorable political
8 service, working with diligence and foresight to bring positive action for the benefit of
9 North Carolina's people; and

10 Whereas, the desire to help his fellow citizens brought Claude E. Pope
11 recognition for his wise counsel and energetic service to such organizations as the North
12 Carolina Board of Economic Development, the North Carolina Housing Corporation,
13 the North Carolina Board of Science and Technology, the Governor's Coastal Initiative
14 Commission, the Governor's Aquaculture Commission, and other agencies; and

15 Whereas, Claude E. Pope served with distinction as North Carolina's
16 Secretary of Commerce from January 8, 1987, to January 24, 1989; and

17 Whereas, during Claude E. Pope's tenure as Secretary, North Carolina led the
18 nation in the recruitment of new manufacturing firms, experienced strong job growth,
19 low unemployment and overall economic good health; and

20 Whereas, as Secretary of Commerce, Claude E. Pope worked hard to identify
21 and tap new areas of economic opportunity for North Carolina; and

22 Whereas, Claude E. Pope showed tremendous courage in continuing to serve
23 the people of North Carolina even while silently battling the illness which eventually
24 took his life; and

25 Whereas, Claude E. Pope genuinely cared for every person he met, enriching
26 the lives of all those he knew and who knew him; and

27 Whereas, his love and devotion to his family were known by all: his wife,
28 Elizabeth (Libby) Raynor Pope; his brothers, Pat and William Pope; his sister, Rebekah
29 Pope Kase; his children, Sara Pope Titchener, Claude Jr., and William; his parents,
30 Claude Efton and Rochelle Jackson Pope; and his six grandchildren; and

31 Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Claude E.
32 Pope and to recognize his many years of service to his beloved State and his fellow
33 citizens;

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

35 Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina recognizes the many
36 accomplishments of Claude E. Pope, and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of
37 North Carolina and its citizens for his life and service towards the betterment of all.

38 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
39 to the family of Claude E. Pope.

40 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.