

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 121

Sponsors: Senator Daniel.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

February 19, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JUDGE
2 WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE "SANDY" HARRIS JR., FORMER MEMBER OF
3 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. was born in Durham, North
5 Carolina, on July 20, 1924, to William Shakespeare Harris Sr. and Eunice Hamlin
6 Fairchild Harris; and

7 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. received a B.A. degree in
8 1948 and a law degree in 1950 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;
9 and

10 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. was a veteran of the
11 Construction Battalion Division of the United States Navy during World War II; and

12 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. served with honor and
13 distinction in the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1968 until 1977; and

14 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. served as a North Carolina
15 District Court Judge from 1977 until 1987 and as a Chief Judge from 1987 until his
16 retirement in March 1990; and was a member of the Judicial Standards Commission of
17 North Carolina; and

18 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. was a member of several
19 professional organizations, including the Alamance County Bar Association, the North
20 Carolina State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association; and

21 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. cared about his community;
22 was one of the founders of ACCESS - Meals on Wheels; was past president of the

1 Graham Kiwanis Club; and was chapter chairman of the Alamance County Chapter of
2 the American Red Cross from 1965 until 1968; and

3 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. served on a number of
4 boards, including the Salvation Army Board, the Red Cross Executive Board, the
5 executive board of the Alamance County Christian Counseling Center, the Board of
6 Directors of Kingsdown, Inc., of Mebane, the Graham First South Bank Board of
7 Directors, and the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Railroad Commission from
8 1969 until 1973; and

9 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. was a member of several
10 fraternal organizations, including Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity, Bingham Lodge #
11 272 AF and AM, and the Burlington Shrine Club; and

12 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. was an active member of
13 the Graham Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder, deacon, and trustee; and

14 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. died on October 25, 1990;
15 and

16 Whereas, William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. is survived by his wife,
17 Lula Chapman Harris; a daughter, Susan Harris Weatherstone of Zaire, Africa; two
18 sons, Charles Harris of Burlington and Frank Harris of Hickory; one brother, Charles
19 Jay Harris Sr. of Mebane; and three grandchildren;

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

21 Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of
22 Judge William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr. and to express its deepest sympathy to his
23 family, colleagues, and friends.

24 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
25 to the family of Judge William Shakespeare "Sandy" Harris Jr.

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