

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1499**

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Sponsors: Representatives Church, Flaherty, R. Hunter, Lee; Beall, Cunningham, Hightower, Holmes, Justus, Ramsey, Rogers, Smith, Stamey, and Wilmoth.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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July 23, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RAY  
2 CHARLES FLETCHER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3       Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher was born in Forest City in Rutherford County,  
4 on May 4, 1931, to Troy Fletcher, Sr. and Geneva Beddingfield Fletcher; and

5       Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher graduated from Drexel High School in Burke  
6 County and attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

7       Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher served his country as a member of the United  
8 States Navy from 1951 until 1954; and

9       Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher became an automobile dealer and was  
10 Secretary-Treasurer of Fletcher Pontiac, Inc.; and

11       Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher worked unselfishly for the betterment of his  
12 community as a member of many civic and community organizations; and

13       Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher served as President of the Rotary Club, as a  
14 member of the Burke County Chamber of Commerce, as President of the Valdese  
15 Merchants Association, as President of the Lovelady United Fund, as President of the  
16 Valdese Jaycees, and as Chair of the Valdese Parks and Recreation; and

17       Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher was honored as "Rotarian of the Year" in 1965  
18 and as "Young Man of the Year" by the Valdese Jaycees in 1961; and

19       Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher was active in politics; he served as the Mayor  
20 of the Town of Valdese, as Chair of the Burke County Democratic Party, and as  
21 President and Chair of the Burke County Young Democrats Club; and

1           Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher served with honor and distinction for five  
2 terms as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1983 until  
3 1992; and

4           Whereas, as a member of the General Assembly, Ray Charles Fletcher served  
5 on numerous committees in various leadership roles, including Finance, Public  
6 Employees, Ethics, and Pensions and Retirement; and

7           Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher was an active member of the Waldensian  
8 Presbyterian Church, serving as former deacon; and

9           Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher married Mary Beth Goodman on November  
10 29, 1980; and

11           Whereas, Burke County and the State of North Carolina suffered a great loss  
12 with the untimely death of Ray Charles Fletcher on September 27, 1992; and

13           Whereas, Ray Charles Fletcher is survived by his wife, Mary Beth Fletcher,  
14 and children, Raye Lynn, Randy, and Ruthie;

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

16           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Ray Charles  
17 Fletcher and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered to his community,  
18 State, and nation.

19           Sec. 2. The General Assembly expresses its deepest sympathy to the family  
20 and friends of Ray Charles Fletcher for the loss of a beloved family man, friend, and  
21 public servant.

22           Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
23 to the family of Ray Charles Fletcher.

24           Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.