

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1993

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 522

Sponsors: Senators Folger and Smith.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

March 22, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE, SERVICE, AND MEMORY OF
2 JOHN C. KESLER.

3 Whereas, John C. Kesler, one of North Carolina's most distinguished citizens,
4 died on July 28, 1992; and

5 Whereas, in recognition of the deep debt which this State and its citizens owe
6 to John C. Kesler, the General Assembly wishes to honor his life, his service, and his
7 memory; and

8 Whereas, John C. Kesler was born on May 23, 1899, in Rowan County, North
9 Carolina, to G.C. and Fannie Kesler; and

10 Whereas, John C. Kesler graduated from the Spencer City Schools, received
11 his A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina in 1924, and received his Juris
12 Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1928, where he
13 was a member of the editorial staff of The Carolina Law Review; and

14 Whereas, after law school, John C. Kesler returned to Rowan County to
15 practice law; and

16 Whereas, John C. Kesler was elected prosecuting attorney for the Rowan
17 County court and served in that capacity in 1937 and 1938, and was thereafter elected
18 judge of the Rowan County court and served from 1939 through 1940; and

19 Whereas, John C. Kesler married Suddie Grace West on July 20, 1939, and
20 from their union, one daughter, Frances was born; and

21 Whereas, John C. Kesler and his wife, Suddie, made their home in the City of
22 Salisbury until her passing on August 7, 1972; and

23 Whereas, John C. Kesler worked tirelessly for the good of his county, his
24 region, and his State; and

1 Whereas, John C. Kesler was elected to and served in the North Carolina
2 State Senate with honor and distinction during the 1945, 1947, 1959, and 1961 Sessions
3 of the General Assembly; and

4 Whereas, John C. Kesler also served the people of Rowan County and North
5 Carolina as a member of the Judicial Council, the North Carolina Bar Association, the
6 American Bar Association, the Board of Stewards and the Board of Trustees of the First
7 United Methodist Church of Salisbury, the Democratic Party, and the Salvation Army,
8 as Trustee of The Greater University of North Carolina from 1949 through 1957, as
9 President of the Rowan County Bar Association, and as Master of the Spencer Masonic
10 Lodge No. 543; and

11 Whereas, as a public servant, John C. Kesler's contributions to his
12 community, his State, and nation will be long remembered in the distinguished history
13 of this State; and

14 Whereas, John C. Kesler is survived by his daughter, Frances Kesler Driscoll
15 and two grandchildren;

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

17 Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of John C.
18 Kesler, and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens
19 for his life and service to North Carolina.

20 Sec. 2. The General Assembly extends its sincere sympathy to the family of
21 John C. Kesler for the loss of a distinguished family member.

22 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
23 to the family of John C. Kesler.

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