

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 8
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 522

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of April, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives