

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE RESOLUTION DRSR55315-LG-272 (7/8)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Shaw.

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Referred to:

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1    A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF FORMER OFFICERS  
2        OF THE SENATE AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO LEROY CLARK,  
3        JR. FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AS READING CLERK OF THE  
4        SENATE.

5           Whereas, it is right and proper to recognize and commemorate the memory of  
6    elected officers of the Senate who have made valuable contributions to the effective  
7    operation of this body; and

8           Whereas, there is a long list of people who have ably served as Principle  
9    Clerk, beginning in 1777 with James Green, Jr. of Craven County; and

10          Whereas, many dedicated and hardworking people have also assisted the  
11    Senate in its duties, including Platt D. Cowan of New Hanover County, one of the  
12    earliest Reading Clerks, who served in 1879, and LeRoy Clark, Jr., who served as  
13    Reading Clerk for more than 30 years; and

14          Whereas, LeRoy Clark, Jr. was born on May 17, 1923, in Wake County; and

15          Whereas, LeRoy Clark, Jr. graduated from Rocky Mount High School and the  
16    University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

17          Whereas, LeRoy Clark, Jr. served as a B-26 pilot in the United States Army  
18    Air Corps during World War II, completed 45 combat missions, and was awarded two  
19    Purple Hearts; and

20          Whereas, LeRoy Clark, Jr. retired from the Army Air Corps with the rank of  
21    captain in 1958; and

22          Whereas, LeRoy Clark, Jr. had a successful career in tobacco sales and served  
23    his profession as a member of the North Carolina Agribusiness Trade Mission to the Far  
24    East, Director of the North Carolina World Trade Association, and President of the  
25    Triangle World Trade Association; and

26          Whereas, LeRoy Clark, Jr. distinguished himself as an officer in the Senate  
27    having first worked as Reading Clerk in 1959 and later serving from 1975 to 2002; and

1           Whereas, LeRoy Clark, Jr. has been active in his community, chairing local  
2 Red Cross drives and serving as a member of the Wendell Recreation Commission,  
3 Rotary Club, and the American Legion; and

4           Whereas, LeRoy Clark, Jr. and his wife Julia, are the parents of three  
5 children, nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; Now, therefore,

6 Be it resolved by the Senate:

7           **SECTION 1.** The Senate honors the memory of former officers of the  
8 Senate and expresses its appreciation and gratitude to LeRoy Clark, Jr. for his many  
9 years of service as Reading Clerk of the Senate.

10           **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this  
11 resolution to the family of LeRoy Clark, Jr.

12           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.