

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2005-48
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1179

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT MONROE "BOB" DAVIS, SR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Robert Monroe "Bob" Davis, Sr., was born on February 27, 1927, in the Town of China Grove to Robert Jackson Davis and Eva Mae Phillips Davis; and

Whereas, Bob Davis attended the China Grove public schools and earned a bachelors degree from Pfeiffer College in 1947 and a law degree from Wake Forest University in 1950; and

Whereas, Bob Davis practiced law for much of his life and was elected as Rowan County Solicitor, Circuit Court Judge, and District Court Judge; and

Whereas, Bob Davis served his profession as a member of the North Carolina State Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, and was President of the Rowan County Bar Association and the 19th District Bar Association; and

Whereas, Bob Davis served with honor and distinction as a member of the General Assembly, serving one term in the Senate from 1983 through 1984; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Bob Davis was a member of several committees, including Appropriations, Judiciary, and Local Government and Regional Affairs; and

Whereas, Bob Davis introduced legislation that changed the laws related to seat belt use, adoption, and methods of execution for capital punishment, and was instrumental in getting funding for various projects, including the neonatal unit at Baptist Hospital, numerous libraries, and the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer; and

Whereas, Bob Davis was a member of several civic and fraternal organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Shriners, Elks, Civitans, Scottish Rite, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias, and the Eureka Masonic Lodge; and

Whereas, Bob Davis was a loyal and devoted member of his church, First Baptist Church of Salisbury, where he served as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Board of Deacons, and as a Sunday schoolteacher for more than 52 years; and

Whereas, over a period of 13 years, Bob Davis served as a coach for Little League baseball and middle and high school church league basketball teams; and

Whereas, Bob Davis served in World War II as a member of the United States Navy and served as State Commander of the American Legion; and

Whereas, Bob Davis died April 2, 2005, leaving to cherish his memory his wife of 52 years, Mary Anne Austin Davis; his children, Robert M. Davis, Jr., Janet Anne Davis Jeter, James Austin Davis, Jonathan David Davis, and Jennifer Davis Hammond; adopted son, Chris Crane; and 13 grandchildren; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Robert Monroe "Bob" Davis, Sr., and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered to his community, Rowan County, and the State of North Carolina.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Robert Monroe "Bob" Davis, Sr., for the loss of a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Robert Monroe "Bob" Davis, Sr.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11th day of August, 2005.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives