

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION 693\***

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Sponsors:     Senators Blue; and D. Berger.

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Referred to:   Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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April 20, 2011

1    A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RALPH  
2        CAMPBELL, JR., FORMER STATE AUDITOR.

3           Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was born on December 7, 1946, in Raleigh, North  
4    Carolina, to Ralph Campbell, Sr., and June Kay Campbell; and

5           Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., graduated from J. W. Ligon High School in 1964,  
6    earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from St.  
7    Augustine's College in 1968, and furthered his education by attending the graduate program in  
8    business at North Carolina Central University; and

9           Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., served as an SP-4 in the Field Artillery Unit of the  
10   United States Army Reserves from 1971 to 1977; and

11          Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., served as a Field Auditor for the North Carolina  
12   Department of Revenue from 1977 to 1986, as a Plan Auditor for the State Health Benefits  
13   Office from 1986 to 1990, and as an Administrative Officer for the North Carolina Department  
14   of Insurance from 1990 to 1992; and

15          Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was elected to the Raleigh City Council in 1985,  
16   reelected to three additional terms in 1987, 1989, 1991, and served as Mayor Pro Tem from  
17   1989 to 1991; and

18          Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was elected as State Auditor in 1992, becoming the  
19   first African-American to be elected to a statewide executive office in North Carolina; and

20          Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was reelected State Auditor for two additional terms  
21   in 1996 and 2000; and

22          Whereas, during his tenure as State Auditor, Ralph Campbell, Jr., helped upgrade  
23   technology in the State Auditor's Office and completed more than 3,600 audits of various State  
24   departments and agencies; and

25          Whereas, in 2005, Ralph Campbell, Jr., founded R. Campbell and Associates, a firm  
26   that specialized in auditing, information systems, and consulting services, and served as the  
27   firm's CEO and President; and

28          Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., later worked with the Government Accounting  
29   Office in Washington, D.C.; and

30          Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., served as a member of several professional  
31   organizations, including the National State Auditors Association, as president; the National  
32   Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; Southeastern Inter-Governmental  
33   Audit Forum, as chair; Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; National Forum for Black  
34   Public Administrators; the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council; and the  
35   Electronic Benefits Transfer Council's Fraud and Audit Committee, as chair; and

36          Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., rendered distinguished service to many State boards  
37   and commissions, including the North Carolina Information Resource Management



1 Commission, serving as chair; the North Carolina Local Government Commission; the North  
2 Carolina Capital Planning Commission; the North Carolina Educational Facilities Finance  
3 Agency Board; the Public School Administrators Task Force; and Local Government  
4 Partnership Council; and

5       Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was devoted to his community, serving on the  
6 Downtown Raleigh Alliance; the St. Augustine's College Board of Trustees; the Shaw Divinity  
7 School Board of Trustees; the North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials, as Treasurer;  
8 the Triangle J Council of Governments, World Class Region; the Raleigh United Negro  
9 College Fund, as co-chair; the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus, as treasurer; the  
10 National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee; the Wake County  
11 Education Foundation; the Wake United Way; and the Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts  
12 of America; and

13       Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was active in several fraternal organizations,  
14 including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Widow's Son Lodge No. 4, and Kabala Temple No. 177;  
15 and

16       Whereas, as a result of his commitment to his community and public service, Ralph  
17 Campbell, Jr., was honored with several awards and distinctions, including an Honorary Doctor  
18 of Laws from Livingstone College in 2003, the North Carolina Electronics and Information  
19 Technologies Association's Award for Public Leadership in Technology in 2000, the U.S.  
20 Department of Health and Human Services Auditor General's Integrity Award in 1995, an  
21 Honorary Doctor of Christian Letters from Shaw University Divinity School in 1991, an  
22 Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from St. Augustine's College in 1990, the State of North  
23 Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 1985, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Omega Man of  
24 the Year in 1984; and

25       Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was a member of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in  
26 Raleigh; and

27       Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., died on January 11, 2011, at the age of 64; and

28       Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., leaves to mourn his loss two brothers, Bill Campbell  
29 and Edwin Campbell; a sister, Mildred Campbell Christmas; and five nieces and nephews;  
30 Now, therefore,

31 Be it resolved by the Senate:

32       **SECTION 1.** The Senate honors the memory of Ralph Campbell, Jr., and expresses  
33 the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and service to North  
34 Carolina.

35       **SECTION 2.** The Senate extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Ralph  
36 Campbell, Jr., for the loss of a beloved family member.

37       **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
38 to the family of Ralph Campbell, Jr.

39       **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.