

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 1997  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 38  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1763

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF WILLIAM CLINTON "BUCK" HARRIS JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, William Clinton "Buck" Harris Jr. was born in Raleigh, North Carolina, on January 1, 1913, to William C. Harris Sr. and Juliet Crews Harris; and

Whereas, Buck Harris received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, Buck Harris had a passion for sports and was a contributing member of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Southern Conference Championship Basketball Team in 1935; and

Whereas, Buck Harris proudly served his country as a Lt. Commander in the United States Navy during World War II as Captain of Destroyer Escort 26; and

Whereas, after his military service, Buck Harris began the law firm of Harris and Poe with Charles A. Poe. Later, the firm became Harris, Cheshire, Leager and Southern and eventually merged with the firm of Poyner and Spruill; and

Whereas, Buck Harris served his profession as a member of the American Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, and the Wake County Bar Association; and

Whereas, Buck Harris served with honor and distinction as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1957 through 1962; and

Whereas, Buck Harris was a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Virginia Episcopal School and was a member of the Wake County Board of Directors of Branch Banking & Trust; and

Whereas, Buck Harris served as the first Chair of the Raleigh Human Relations Council and the first Chair of the Board of Directors of North Carolina Blue Cross Blue Shield Corporation; and

Whereas, Buck Harris was an active contributor to the affairs of his community, serving as a member of the Raleigh Jaycees, the Carolina Country Club, Sphinx Club, Terpsichorean Club, Nine O'Clock Cotillion, and Capital Cotillion; and

Whereas, Buck Harris died at the age of 84 on September 24, 1997, leaving his wife, Jean Erskine Harris; two sons, W.C. "Buck" Harris III, Malcolm E. Harris; a daughter, Sally F. Harris; and six grandchildren; and

Whereas, Buck Harris will be remembered by all who knew him as a warm and giving man devoted to his family, his community, his profession, and to public service; and

Whereas, North Carolina and the City of Raleigh have lost one of their most beloved and respected citizens with the passing of Buck Harris; Now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of William Clinton "Buck" Harris Jr. and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and service to his community and to North Carolina.

Section 2. The General Assembly expresses its deep sorrow to the family and friends of William Clinton "Buck" Harris Jr. for the loss of a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and a true friend.

Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of William Clinton "Buck" Harris Jr.

Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of July, 1998.

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Dennis A. Wicker  
President of the Senate

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Harold J. Brubaker  
Speaker of the House of Representatives