

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 371**

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Sponsors: Representatives Jarrell, Dockham (Cosponsors); and Adams.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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March 3, 1997

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JAMES  
2 ERWIN LAMBETH, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. was born in Thomasville, North  
4 Carolina, on February 2, 1916, to James E. Lambeth and Helen McAulay Lambeth; and

5 Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. graduated from Thomasville High  
6 School in 1933, Duke University in 1937, and the Harvard Business School in 1938;  
7 and

8 Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. became a corporate executive, serving as  
9 President and Chairman of the Board of Lambeth Limited, and as Chairman of the  
10 Board and Secretary/Treasurer of Erwin-Lambeth, Inc.; and

11 Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. achieved success and recognition in  
12 business through his achievements as a member on numerous boards including the  
13 North Carolina National Bank (1953-1980), Piedmont Associated Industries (1963-  
14 1964), Thomasville Community Foundation (1963-1964), College Foundation, (1971-  
15 1976), the Furniture Library Association (1973), and the Thomasville Home Savings  
16 and Loan, upon which he served for 50 years; and

17 Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. also served as a member of the  
18 Governor's Commission on the Status of Women from 1964 to 1966 and as a member of  
19 the North Carolina Wildlife Commission from 1979 to 1981; and

20 Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. worked unselfishly for the betterment of  
21 his community as a member and leader of numerous civic and fraternal organizations  
22 including the Thomasville Chamber of Commerce, the High Point Executives Club, the  
23 Thomasville Chapter of Masonic Lodge, the Thomasville Rotary Club, the Davidson

1 County Historical Society, the Thomasville Historical Society, and the Thomasville  
2 United Fund; and

3           Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. was awarded the Rotary Foundation  
4 Citation for Meritorious Service in 1974, and the Silver Beaver Award by the Boy  
5 Scouts of America in 1961; and

6           Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. showed outstanding devotion to public  
7 service, serving as a member of the Thomasville City Council from 1963 to 1967,  
8 during which time he served as Mayor Pro Tempore, and serving with honor and  
9 distinction in the North Carolina House of Representatives during the 1977, 1979, and  
10 1983 Sessions of the General Assembly; and

11           Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. was an active member of the  
12 Thomasville United Methodist Church, serving as a member of the Board of Stewards,  
13 as President of the R.L. Pope Bible Class from 1963 to 1964, and as Chair of the  
14 Stewardship and Finance Committee from 1964 to 1965; and

15           Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. died on August 30, 1995, and leaves to  
16 mourn his wife, Katharine Lambeth; his sons, James E. Lambeth, III, Richard C.  
17 Lambeth, and William R. Lambeth; his daughter, Mary Katharine Lambeth Cullens; his  
18 sister, Molly Lambeth Johnson; and his brother, Frank Simmons Lambeth;  
19 Now, therefore,

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

21           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of James Erwin  
22 Lambeth, Jr. and extends the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for  
23 his life and devoted service to this State and his community.

24           Section 2. The General Assembly expresses its deepest sympathy to the  
25 family of James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. for the loss of this distinguished citizen.

26           Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
27 resolution to the family of James Erwin Lambeth, Jr.

28           Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.