

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 4
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 371

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, James Erwin Lambeth, Jr. worked unselfishly for the betterment of his community as a member and leader of numerous civic and fraternal organizations including the Thomasville Chamber of Commerce, the High Point Executives Club, the Thomasville Chapter of Masonic Lodge, the Thomasville Rotary Club, the Davidson County Historical Society, the Thomasville Historical Society, and the Thomasville United Fund; and

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

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

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

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

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

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

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

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

Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 25th day of March, 1997.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives