

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 664**

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Sponsors: Representatives Mosley, Blue, Hensley; Capps, Goodwin, Hill, Luebke, Sexton, Smith, Tolson, and Wood.

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

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March 27, 1997

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RUSSELL  
2 ATKINSON SWINDELL, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY.

4       Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell was born in Swan Quarter, North  
5 Carolina, on May 14, 1916, to John Harold Swindell, Sr. and Mary Atkinson Swindell;  
6 and

7       Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell graduated from Swan Quarter High  
8 School in 1935, and from Louisburg College in 1938; and

9       Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell proudly served his country as a member  
10 of the United States Army; and

11       Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell found a rewarding vocation in farming  
12 and was active in farming issues, serving as President of the Hyde County USDA and of  
13 the Hyde County Farm Bureau; and

14       Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell had great effect in his community,  
15 serving as a Mason, a charter member and president of the Hyde County Lions Club, as  
16 chaplain of the American Legion, and as Chair of the Hyde County Polio Foundation;  
17 and

18       Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell served with honor and distinction as a  
19 member of the General Assembly in the House of Representatives during the 1951,  
20 1953, and 1955 Sessions; and

1           Whereas, after his service with the General Assembly, Russell Atkinson  
2 Swindell worked for the Department of Education, where he helped set up the State's  
3 community college system; and

4           Whereas, later, Russell Atkinson Swindell served as executive director of the  
5 North Carolina Railroad Association; and

6           Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell became a successful lobbyist, working  
7 on behalf of numerous trade associations and organizations and serving as a mentor to  
8 other lobbyists; and

9           Whereas, in 1982, Russell Atkinson Swindell was named Outstanding Senior  
10 Citizen of the Year by the Town of Cary; and

11           Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell was active in the First United Methodist  
12 Church in Cary; and

13           Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell died on March 3, 1997, after a lifetime  
14 of unselfish and distinguished service to his community and State, and leaves to mourn  
15 his wife, Martha Easterling Swindell; his daughters, Sue Martin and Mary-Anne  
16 Brannon; his son, A. B. Swindell; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two  
17 godchildren; Now, therefore,

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

19           Section 1. The General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation for the life  
20 and the accomplishments of Russell Atkinson Swindell and for the great service he  
21 rendered to the nation, the State of North Carolina, and his community.

22           Section 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family  
23 of Russell Atkinson Swindell for the loss of its distinguished member.

24           Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
25 resolution to the family of Russell Atkinson Swindell.

26           Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.