

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

**SESSION 2001
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2001-24
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1461**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JACOB WILBERT FORBES, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Jacob Wilbert Forbes was born in Camden County on December 31, 1916, to Jacob Foster Forbes and Ida Dozier Forbes; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes graduated from Oak Ridge Military Institute in 1934 and attended Wake Forest College from 1934 to 1936; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes married Jerry Louise Wilcox on November 28, 1936; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes was a farmer in Camden County; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes served with honor and distinction in the House of Representatives from 1953 to 1956; and

Whereas, in 1956, Wilbert Forbes was appointed to the North Carolina Burial Commission by Governor Luther Hodges; and

Whereas, in 1959, Wilbert Forbes began a long career with the railroad industry, serving as Executive Director of the North Carolina Railroad Association from 1959 to 1962, working with Southern Railway from 1964 to 1982, and serving as Resident Executive Vice President of Norfolk Southern Railway in 1982 after Norfolk and Southern Railroads merged; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes retired from Norfolk Southern Railway in 1994 at the age of 76; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes generously gave his time and energy to his community, serving as a member of the Hall Masonic Lodge #53 in Currituck County for more than 50 years and also serving as a member of the York Rite Masonic Bodies of Raleigh, Amran Shrine Temple, and Wake County Shrine Club; and

Whereas, for a number of years Wilbert Forbes served on the Board of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes was a lifelong member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Camden County and an associate member of St. John's Baptist Church in Raleigh; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes was admired and respected by all who knew him; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes died on March 27, 2000; and

Whereas, Wilbert Forbes is survived by his wife of 63 years, Jerry Louise Wilcox Forbes; his children, Ralph Forbes, Marie Forbes Davis, and Ida Forbes Riddick; and nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Jacob Wilbert Forbes and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and devoted service to North Carolina.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Jacob Wilbert Forbes for the loss of their beloved family member.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Jacob Wilbert Forbes for the loss of a beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 11th day of
July, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives