

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 2001  
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2002-10  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1462**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DAVID WEBSTER BUMGARDNER, JR., A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was born on November 2, 1921, in Belmont, North Carolina, to David W. Bumgardner, Sr. and Winnifred Ballard Bumgardner; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. attended the public schools of Belmont and graduated from Belmont Abbey College and Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. gallantly served in the United States Army during World War II, seeing action in Italy and North Africa; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. retired as Lieutenant Colonel in the North Carolina National Guard and served as the first commanding officer of the National Guard when it was organized in Belmont; and

Whereas, at his death, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was retired from funeral service as owner and operator of Bumgardner Funeral Home in Belmont; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was a highly respected leader in his profession, having served as the president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was deeply interested and involved in the political affairs of North Carolina throughout his life, serving with distinction for 11 terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives, representing Gaston and Lincoln Counties from 1967 to 1988; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. rendered invaluable service as chairman of the Transportation Committee and the Public Utilities Committee; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. served the State on many boards and commissions including the Commission for the Study of Local and Ad Valorem Tax Structure in 1970, the Governmental Evaluation Commission from 1977 to 1981, and the North Carolina Board of Transportation from 1977 to 1982; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was a tireless volunteer in many civic, cultural, and charitable causes including the Belmont Kiwanis Club (past President and District Lieutenant Governor), the Masons, the Shriners, American Legion Post 144 (past Commander), and V.F.W. Post 5483 (past Commander); and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. received many awards for his lifetime of selfless service: the first honorary membership in the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association; the George F. Hixson Fellowship of Kiwanis International; the Community Service Award of the American Legion; the Belmont Man of the Year Award; and the Distinguished Service Award, Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was a longtime member of First Baptist Church of Belmont where he served as Deacon, Parliamentarian, Sunday School Superintendent, and Trustee; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. died on June 21, 2001; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was a devoted husband to his beloved wife of 53 years, Sara Margaret Jones Bumgardner; a loving father to his two daughters, Sharon and Mary Jo, and a doting grandfather and great-grandfather; and

Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. will be remembered for his myriad contributions to the State of North Carolina and her people; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to show its appreciation for his life and accomplishments and to extend its sincere sympathy to his family; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses high esteem and regard for the extraordinary life and service of David Webster Bumgardner, Jr. and mourns the loss of one of North Carolina's most distinguished native sons.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sincere sympathy to the family of David Webster Bumgardner, Jr. on the loss of a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of David Webster Bumgardner, Jr.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives