

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2001**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 585**

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Sponsors: Senators Plyler, Purcell, Hoyle; Bingham, Dalton, Hartsell, Lee, Odom,  
Rand, and Soles.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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March 22, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF COBLE  
2 FUNDERBURK, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA  
3 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4       Whereas, Coble Funderburk was born on January 18, 1905, in Chesterfield  
5 County, South Carolina, to Howard and Sloan Funderburk; and

6       Whereas, Coble Funderburk attended public schools in the Pageland, South  
7 Carolina, area; and

8       Whereas, Coble Funderburk graduated from Furman University in 1928 and  
9 after graduation moved to Monroe, North Carolina, where he taught at Monroe High  
10 School and coached at Monroe High School and Wingate Junior College (now Wingate  
11 University); and

12       Whereas, Coble Funderburk studied law at Wake Forest College (now Wake  
13 Forest University) and passed the North Carolina State Bar Exam in 1931; and

14       Whereas, Coble Funderburk began his law practice in Monroe, North  
15 Carolina, in June of 1932 and practiced law until his death at age 95; and

16       Whereas, Coble Funderburk was an outstanding trial lawyer who fought hard  
17 for his clients; and

18       Whereas, Coble Funderburk served with honor and distinction as a member  
19 of the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1935 and the North Carolina Senate  
20 in 1941 and 1943; and

21       Whereas, Coble Funderburk contributed to the welfare of the Union County  
22 community, including serving as a member of the Monroe School Board for  
23 approximately 12 years and Chair of the Board of Trustees for Union Memorial  
24 Hospital for eight years; and

25       Whereas, Coble Funderburk received many honors and awards, including  
26 being named the Paul Harris Fellow by the Monroe Rotary Club, and being inducted  
27 into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine; and

1           Whereas, Coble Funderburk, a deeply religious man, taught Sunday school at  
2 the First Baptist Church of Monroe for almost 40 years, taught Sunday school lessons  
3 on local radio stations for approximately 30 years, and taught and preached in many of  
4 the churches throughout Union County and surrounding areas; and

5           Whereas, Coble Funderburk loved hunting and in that pursuit traveled on  
6 several African safaris, caught live wild bears in various parts of the State, and went on  
7 a hunting trip to Alaska when he was in his eighties; and

8           Whereas, Coble Funderburk was a world traveler, crossing the Atlantic Ocean  
9 more than a dozen times, circling the globe twice, and visiting all continents and major  
10 countries of the world; and

11           Whereas, Coble Funderburk was the loving father of three children; and

12           Whereas, Coble Funderburk died on September 20, 2000; and

13           Whereas, Coble Funderburk lived an exemplary life in which his word was  
14 his bond; and

15           Whereas, Coble Funderburk will be remembered for his myriad contributions  
16 to the State of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

18           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Coble  
19 Funderburk and expresses its high esteem and regard for his extraordinary life and  
20 accomplished leadership and acknowledges the distinguished service he provided to this  
21 great State.

22           **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
23 resolution to the family of Coble Funderburk.

24           **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.