

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2019**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 499

Sponsors: Senator Smith (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 3, 2019

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FRANK W.
2 BALLANCE, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., was born on a farm in Windsor, North Carolina on
4 February 15, 1942, to Frank Winston Ballance and Alice Eason Ballance; and

5 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from
6 North Carolina Central University; and

7 Whereas, after law school, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., spent a year as a librarian and
8 professor at the South Carolina State College (now South Carolina State University) before
9 moving to Warrenton, North Carolina to practice law; and

10 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., was a member of the North Carolina General
11 Assembly, serving two terms in the House of Representatives between 1983 and 1986 and seven
12 terms in the Senate between 1989 and 2002; and

13 Whereas, during his tenure in the Senate, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., contributed in many
14 capacities, including as a member of the Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Insurance,
15 State and Local Government, Ways and Means, as cochair of the Committees on Appropriations
16 on Justice and Public Safety and Judiciary II, and as Deputy President Pro Tempore from 1997
17 to 2002; and

18 Whereas, in 2003, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., began serving in Congress as a member of
19 the United States House of Representatives, representing the 1st Congressional District and
20 serving as a member of the Agriculture and Small Business Committees, which term he was
21 unable to complete; and

22 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., held numerous civic and political positions,
23 including past chair of the 1st Congressional District Democratic Party, first vice-chair of the
24 North Carolina Democratic Party, president of the Warren County Branch of the NAACP, and a
25 member of the Boards of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University and North Carolina Central
26 University; and

27 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., received several awards and recognitions, including:
28 "Lawyer of the Year" from the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers in 1996, "Friend of
29 the Working Man" Labor Award from the AFL-CIO in 2000, and "Legislator of the Year" from
30 the North Carolina Housing Coalition in 2001; and

31 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., served in the North Carolina National Guard in 1968
32 and in the Reserves until 1971; and

33 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., was a member of Greenwood Baptist Church of
34 Warrenton and served as chair of the Deacon Board; and

35 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., died on February 22, 2019, at the age of 77; and

36 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Bernadine
37 Smallwood Ballance, and four children, Garey M. Ballance, Angela Ballance Mebane, Valerie
38 Ballance Harmon, and Rhonda Yarborough; Now, therefore,



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

2 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life of Frank W. Ballance, Jr., and
3 expresses appreciation for the service he rendered his community, State, and nation.

4 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
5 Frank W. Ballance, Jr., for the loss of a beloved family member.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
7 to the family of Frank W. Ballance, Jr.

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