

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1985 SESSION  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 20  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 868

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF G. WILLIE LEE.

Whereas, G. Willie Lee was born in Pleasant Grove Township in west Johnston County in 1889, the son of William Anderson and Edith Ann Carroll Lee; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee was a successful and well- respected farmer, and his land was located less than a mile from where he was born; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee was also an inventor whose patented inventions included an automobile jack, a plow attachment for distribution of soda, and a tobacco plow; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee represented Johnston County in the General Assembly in 1934 and 1935; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee was sales supervisor for the Smithfield Tobacco Market from 1941 until 1951; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee was a member of the Cleveland School District Committee and served as chairman of the Cleveland School Board; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee was married in 1910 to Mary Veleria Stephenson; and  
Whereas, G. Willie and Mary Lee ministered to the sick in their community during the influenza epidemics of 1917 and 1918; and

Whereas, G. Willie and Mary Lee joined the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in 1928; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee was a deacon of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, served as superintendent of Sunday school for 27 years, and acted as moderator of the Johnston Baptist Association in 1959 and 1960; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee was a devoted family man who told his wife he loved her every day of their 72-year marriage and who attributed the success of his happy family to "loving one another and everybody else, having a good time, and having a vision for the future"; and

Whereas, G. Willie Lee died at the age of 96 on April 4, 1985, leaving his son, Silas Poe Lee of Winter Haven, Florida, his daughters, Nellie Audrey Lee Millsaps of Norristown, Pennsylvania, and Ruby Lee Pleasants of Raleigh, 19 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of G. Willie Lee and to express its sympathy to his family;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of G. Willie Lee and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and service to his community and to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly expresses its deep sorrow to the family and friends of G. Willie Lee for the loss of a beloved father and a true friend.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of G. Willie Lee.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 4th day of June, 1985.