

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 13
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 302

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT ALTON GRAY, FORMER SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN HARNETT COUNTY.

Whereas, Robert Alton Gray was born November 23, 1926, in Pitt County; and

Whereas, Robert Alton Gray was graduated from Stokes High School in Pitt County, East Carolina University where he earned both a Bachelors and a Masters degree, and from the University of North Carolina, where he earned an Advanced Administrative Certificate; and

Whereas, Robert Alton Gray was a teacher, a principal, an assistant superintendent, and later the superintendent of schools in Harnett County from September 1, 1966, until his death on February 25, 1987; and

Whereas, Robert Alton Gray provided leadership as a member in several professional organizations, including the North Carolina Association of Educators and the National Educators Association, in both of which he was a lifetime member, the American Association of School Administrators, the North Carolina State School Boards Association, and the North Carolina Association of School Administrators, which he served as one of its first organizers and charter members; and

Whereas, Robert Alton Gray was distinguished as the Tar Heel of the Week by the Raleigh News and Observer in October of 1967, was honored in Who's Who In The South and Southwest, and was one of the first to win the Outstanding Educator Award from East Carolina University in January of 1986; and

Whereas, Robert Alton Gray served his community as a Mason and a member of the Lillington Rotary Club, which he served as past president and was one of the charter directors in the formation of the Lee-Harnett Mental Health Authority; and

Whereas, Robert Alton Gray was active in the Presbyterian Church, serving as a Sunday school teacher, a Deacon, and an Elder; and

Whereas, Robert Alton Gray served in the United States Naval Reserves from 1944 to 1946; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Robert Alton Gray and to express its sympathy to his wife, Marie Whitford Gray, his children, Robert Gray, Jr., and Diane Gray Walters, his grandson, Benjamin Walters, and his associates and friends;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Robert Alton Gray and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens, particularly of the people of Harnett County, for his life and service to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Robert Alton Gray.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 31st day of March, 1987.

Robert B. Jordan III
President of the Senate

Liston B. Ramsey
Speaker of the House of Representatives