

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1987 SESSION  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 33  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2154

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HARRY  
LUTHER MINTZ, JR.

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., was born on December 13, 1916; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., came from a family dedicated to public service in that his father Harry Luther Mintz, Sr., was a farmer and rural mail carrier for over 30 years; his mother, Minta Tart Mintz, was chosen District Mother of the Year; his brother, the late John Hamilton Mintz served as Register of Deeds for Brunswick County; his brother, the late Rudolph I. Mintz, Sr., was a North Carolina Superior Court Judge and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of The Greater University System of North Carolina; his brother, Colin Shaw Mintz, Sr., served the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service for many years; his brother, the late Leroy Mintz, Sr., taught agricultural sciences for many years at Shallotte High School; his brother, Frederick Mintz, Sr., was a farmer and merchant in Brunswick County; his brother, Elwood Mintz, was a faculty member at Pennsylvania State University; and his wife, Mary Wyche Mintz, taught in the public schools for 38 years and was named North Carolina's English Teacher of the Year in 1980; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., attended The University of North Carolina and was graduated from Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer where he served as president of his class and was voted "Best-All-Around-Student" by his peers; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., led a full life by completing the unexpired term of his brother, Rudolph I. Mintz, Sr., as Register of Deeds, by serving four years in the United States Army Air Force during World War II, by engaging in the mercantile business at Supply and Shallotte after the war and by serving as a parole officer from 1956 to 1974; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., served in the North Carolina House of Representatives in the 1951 General Assembly during which he sponsored legislation to protect wildlife and the commercial fishing industry and was appointed to the Rural Electrification Administration Commission of North Carolina by Governor Luther Hodges; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr.'s, greatest accomplishment was his role in bringing telephone service to Brunswick County by establishing the Atlantic Telephone Membership Cooperative of which he served as a member of the Board of Directors and as president from 1955 to 1974; and

Whereas, during his term as president, membership in the Atlantic Telephone Membership Cooperative increased from 530 to 5,652; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., was active in his church and in civic organizations serving as a member and former lay leader of the United Methodist Church, serving as a Mason and serving as member and past president of the Shallotte Lions Club; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., died on March 19, 1987, after a brief illness; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., leaves to mourn in addition to his brothers and his wife, Mary Wyche Mintz, two sons, Graham Wyche Mintz, Henry Luther Mintz, and a daughter, Mary McBryde Mintz; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., will be remembered for his many good deeds, including his service to the Atlantic Telephone Membership Cooperative, by the North Carolina General Assembly and by his family, friends, and all who loved him; and

Whereas, Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., will also be remembered by those whose lives he touched and helped to rehabilitate during his service as a parole officer;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the life and memory of Harry Luther Mintz, Jr., and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for the dedicated service he has given.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Harry Luther Mintz, Jr.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Harry Luther Mintz, Jr.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of June, 1987.

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Robert B. Jordan III  
President of the Senate

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Liston B. Ramsey  
Speaker of the House of Representatives