

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1987 SESSION  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 34  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1545

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RAY D. MINGES, M.D.

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was born August 15, 1920 in Claremont, North Carolina and later moved to Greenville, North Carolina with his parents, Miles Otho and Myrtle Morrow Minges; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was graduated from Greenville High School, Davidson College, where he earned a bachelor's degree, and the Medical College of Richmond, Virginia, where he was a member of Alpha Kappa Kappa national medical fraternity; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges served during his senior year at the Medical College in the Medical Corp of the Army as a First Lieutenant and Captain; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges married Virginia Waring from Richmond, Virginia on December 22, 1943; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges opened his private practice of General Surgery on February 1, 1954 in Greenville, then joined the staff at Pitt Memorial Hospital, and was Chief of Surgery and Chief of Medical Staff from January 1, 1960 until December 31, 1962; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges retired from private surgical practice in August 1970, but remained on staff of the Pitt Memorial Hospital, continued to assist other surgeons and give consultations, and was also awarded the first Pitt County Hospital Foundation Annual Service Award on November 5, 1981; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenville, had been President of the Men's Fellowship, a Deacon, a Chairman, and an Elder; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was part owner and served on the Board of Directors of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Companies in Greenville, Kinston, and New Bern, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was instrumental in organizing the first North Carolina Chapter of the Mental Health Association in 1956, traveled the entire State to form more chapters, and served as one of the first Presidents and as Director; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was appointed to the Greenville Utilities Commission from June 1959 until May 1969 and then reappointed from March 1971 until March 1981, and was awarded a plaque for "Commission Emeritus" for 20 years of service on May 12, 1981; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was a member of the Pitt County Wildlife Club for years and donated money to buy land for permanent wildlife club facilities and house; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was an active supporter of East Carolina University, was a member of the Pirate Club, formerly the Century Club, served as its third president and its first life member, and became a life member of the East Carolina Education Foundation in 1974; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was a successful leader and fund raiser, as he served on a fund drive to build Ficklen Stadium, then chaired a drive to expand the seating capacity of the stadium, which brought nine hundred thousand dollars (\$900,000)

to Greenville, and later was the chairman of a drive that raised one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the Eastern Carolina Vocational Center; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was an active member of Greenville's Ducks Unlimited National Organization Chapter since 1969, serving as its President, a member of the Board of Directors, as its two hundred dollar (\$200.00) Sponsor Chairman, a member of the National Board of Trustees from which he resigned in 1981, and received the Trustee Emeritus Award from the National Board; and

Whereas, Ray Donald Minges was a man devoted to his family, his church, his profession, his community, and his fellow man; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Ray Donald Minges and to express its sympathy to his wife, Virginia, his children, Pat, Ginger, and Tom, his brothers, Max, Hoyt, and Jack, and to his friends and associates;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the life and memory of Ray Donald Minges and expresses its gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and service.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly expresses its deep sorrow to the family and friends of Ray Donald Minges for the loss of a beloved husband, father, and a true friend.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of June, 1987.

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Robert B. Jordan III  
President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives