

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 46
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2386

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOHN KNOX MCNEILL, JR., FORMER MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RAEFORD, AND RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL TURKEY LOVERS' MONTH IN HIS HONOR.

Whereas, John K. McNeill, Jr., was born on August 25, 1920, in Hoke County, North Carolina; and

Whereas, John K. McNeill, Jr., was a graduate of Louisburg College; and

Whereas, John K. McNeill, Jr., faithfully served the citizens of the City of Raeford as city councilman for 16 years, and as mayor for the last 21 years; and

Whereas, Mayor McNeill served the State of North Carolina as a planner with the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development for seventeen years; and

Whereas, throughout the course of Mayor McNeill's long career of public service, the City of Raeford experienced unprecedented growth; and

Whereas, Mayor McNeill's leadership resulted in water and sewer improvements necessary to recruit what have become the four main industries in Raeford: Burlington Industries, Faberge, Spanco, and House of Raeford; and

Whereas, Mayor McNeill died on January 14, 1990, and is survived by his wife, Ruth, his sons Steve, Jeff, and John K. McNeill III, his daughter Lynn, four brothers, and eight grandchildren; and

Whereas, one aspect of Mayor McNeill's diligent leadership was his enthusiastic support of the North Carolina Turkey Festival held annually in the City of Raeford; and

Whereas, the City of Raeford is the home of Wyatt G. Upchurch, President of the National Turkey Federation, who also serves as Chairman of the Hoke County Board of County Commissioners; and

Whereas, North Carolina is now the leading turkey-producing State in the nation, having produced over 50 million turkeys in 1989; and

Whereas, the National Turkey Federation has declared June 1990, to be the first annual National Turkey Lovers' Month;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to honor the life and memory of John Knox McNeill, Jr., and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of both the City of Raeford and the State of North Carolina for his life and service to Raeford and to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to recognize Mr. McNeill's contributions to the development of the turkey industry in North Carolina, and to recognize the vital role of that industry in this State, during this first annual National Turkey Lovers' Month.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of John Knox McNeill, Jr., to the City of Raeford, and to the National Turkey Federation.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

1990. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of June,

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

J. L. Mavretic
Speaker of the House of Representatives