

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1991 SESSION  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 20  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 962

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ANGELINE  
DAVIS SMITH.

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was born in Florence, South Carolina, on February 7, 1908; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith's childhood was spent in the pleasant surroundings of her native home, where Christian principles were instilled, along with the wholesome values that persisted throughout her life; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith earned an AB degree from Benedict College, in Columbia, South Carolina, a MS degree from North Carolina A & T State University in 1948, and furthered her studies at Atlanta University, Arkansas State College, the University of Chicago, and the University of Minnesota; and

Whereas, while attending North Carolina A & T State University, Angeline Davis Smith met and married Samuel Cooper Smith, who became the love of her life for forty-six years; and

Whereas, in Greensboro, Angeline Davis Smith taught English at James B. Dudley High School and later transferred to Ben L. Smith High School; and

Whereas, after retiring from teaching in 1972, Angeline Davis Smith continued to devote service to her former students from throughout the nation many of whom she kept in touch with until her death; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith valued all of her former students and their accomplishments and referred to them as her "pearls" and she had many, many "pearls"; and

Whereas, the number of lives Angeline Davis Smith touched and inspired exemplified her commitment and dedication; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was a member of the St. James Presbyterian Church, serving in many capacities, including ruling elder, for over forty years; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was active in many community organizations and served these organizations over a span of fifty years; and

Whereas, in the 1940s and 1950s, Angeline Davis Smith worked to integrate the YWCA; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith served on the Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee, the Family Life Council, the Frank Graham Symposium, the United Way Public Information and Education Division, the Council on Aging Roundtable, the Hayes Taylor YMCA Contribution Executive Committee, North Carolina 2000, and Greensboro Visions; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith's special interest was the Hayes Taylor YMCA, where she was a major fund-raiser; her goal was to see the new Hayes Taylor YMCA completed; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was also a past member of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina A & T State University and a past member of the Board of Visitors of Guilford College; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for forty years and a life member of the NAACP; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was named Citizen of the Year by the City of Greensboro in 1976, awarded the Distinguished Alumnus distinction from Benedict

College in 1981, inducted into the Order of The Long Leaf Pine by Governor James B. Hunt in 1982, named Lady of the Year three times by the NAACP and once by the Greensboro Lion's Club, and presented with the Sojourner Truth Award by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women in 1984; and

Whereas, in 1988, Angeline Davis Smith and her husband, Dr. S. Cooper Smith, received the Brotherhood Citation Award of the Greensboro Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for outstanding leadership and humanitarian service on behalf of civic, cultural, educational, and welfare organizations that enrich the Greensboro community; and

Whereas, this citation was a "token of esteem of fellow citizens of all creeds and races"; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith and her husband worked as a team to ensure the rights of all persons and they gave their time and money unselfishly; and

Whereas, as an example of their generosity, several students were able to attend college with assistance from the Smiths; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was true to her heritage and gave of herself to better mankind; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith was dedicated, compassionate, and her crowning achievement was that of a devoted wife and a "super" mother and grandmother; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith died on June 19, 1991; and

Whereas, Angeline Davis Smith is survived by her husband, Dr. S. Cooper Smith, a daughter, Dr. Joselyn Bailey, a son, Dr. Joseph Bailey, and a number of grandchildren, great grandchildren, and other relatives;

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

Section 1. The North Carolina General Assembly honors the memory of Angeline Davis Smith and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for her life and devoted service to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The North Carolina General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Angeline Davis Smith for the loss of their loved one.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Angeline Davis Smith.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 3rd day of July, 1991.

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James C. Gardner  
President of the Senate

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Daniel Blue, Jr.  
Speaker of the House of Representatives