

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1497**

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Sponsors: Representatives Richardson; DeVane, Spears, and Nye.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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July 5, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HENRY  
2 MCMILLAN TYSON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3       Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson, former Cumberland County Commissioner  
4 and member of the General Assembly, died on April 7, 1993, at the age of 78; and

5       Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson was born in Cumberland County on  
6 October 31, 1914, to Henry Grady Tyson and Tommie Eula Marsh Tyson; and

7       Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson graduated from Gray's Creek High School;  
8 and

9       Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson lived and worked for all of his life in the  
10 Gray's Creek Community in Cumberland County where he was a successful farmer and  
11 farm supply dealer; and

12       Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson married Addie Amelia Williams on June  
13 21, 1940, and they have one daughter and two sons; and

14       Whereas, during the 1960s, Henry McMillan Tyson was appointed to serve as  
15 sales supervisor for the Fayetteville Tobacco Market and served in that capacity for nine  
16 years; and

17       Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson gave freely of his time, energy, and talents  
18 to virtually all aspects of community life by serving as a member of the North Carolina  
19 Farm Bureau, the Cumberland County Livestock Association, the Fayetteville Kiwanis  
20 Club, the Fayetteville Eastern Star #334, the Parent Teacher Association, the  
21 Cumberland County Wildlife Association, and the Senior Citizens Roundtable, as past  
22 president of the Gray's Creek Ruritan Club and as past president of the John Huske  
23 Anderson Masonic Lodge 731; and

1           Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson served on numerous boards and  
2 commissions: as a charter member of the Cumberland County Soil Conservation  
3 Commission, as a member of the Board of Directors of the First Union National Bank  
4 and the Scottish Bank, as a member of the Cumberland County Agriculture Advisory  
5 Council, the Cumberland County Conservation Commission, and the Fayetteville  
6 Chamber of Commerce, and as the former chair of the AgriBusiness Commission; and

7           Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson established himself as a leader in the  
8 Democratic Party, serving as a Cumberland County Commissioner for 12 years, seven  
9 of which he was elected as Chair; and

10           Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson served with honor and distinction in the  
11 North Carolina House of Representatives, serving for terms during the 1973, 1977,  
12 1979, 1981, 1983, and 1985 Sessions of the General Assembly; and

13           Whereas, as a member of the House of Representatives, Henry McMillan  
14 Tyson chaired the Military and Veterans Affairs and State Properties Committees,  
15 served as Vice Chair of the Alcoholic Beverage Control, Aging, and Law Enforcement  
16 Committees, and served as a member of other committees including Agriculture,  
17 Congressional Redistricting, Finance, Manufacturers and Labor, and Water and Air  
18 Resources; and

19           Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson was active in the First Presbyterian Church  
20 in Fayetteville, serving as a Deacon and an Elder, and as a Sunday school teacher; and

21           Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson will be remembered by all who knew him  
22 as a warm and giving man devoted to his family, his community, and his profession, and  
23 to public service; and

24           Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson is survived by his children, Carrie Eula  
25 Tyson, Henry McMillan Tyson, II, and John Marsh Tyson; and four grandchildren,  
26 Jason Marsh Tyson, Caroline Kirby Tyson, John Havens Tyson, and Henry Culbreath  
27 Tyson;

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

29           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Henry  
30 McMillan Tyson and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered to his  
31 community, Cumberland County, and the State of North Carolina.

32           Sec. 2. The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family and friends  
33 of Henry McMillan Tyson for the death of a beloved family member and friend.

34           Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
35 to the family of Henry McMillan Tyson.

36           Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.