

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 3
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LUTHER
REGINALD JERALDS, DISTINGUISHED STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND
CITIZEN OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds was born in the Town of Orrum in Robeson County on August 20, 1938, to Winnie B. Jeralds and Amy Lee McMillan Jeralds; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds was educated in the North Carolina public schools and St. Emma Military Academy, and was graduated from North Carolina College, now North Carolina Central University, in 1961 with a bachelors degree in accounting; and

Whereas, after college, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds joined the National Football League where he played with the Minnesota Vikings and the Dallas Texans, later known as the Kansas City Chiefs; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds also played with the Edmonton Eskimos, a Canadian football team for one year; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds was inducted into North Carolina Central University's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1987; and

Whereas, after his professional football career ended, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds returned to North Carolina and became a successful realtor and executive; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds gave freely of his time, great energy, and many talents to virtually all aspects of his community, serving as a member of the Fayetteville Business and Professional League, the North Carolina Association of Minority Businesses, and Williams Chapel Free Will Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds received numerous awards and honors including the Distinguished Leadership and Public Service Award from North Carolina A&T University in 1988; the Service Award from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority in 1987; the NAACP Humanitarian Award in 1986; the Chancellor's Certificate of Merit from Fayetteville State University in 1985; and Citizen of the Year from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in 1984; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds served the people of Cumberland County and the State of North Carolina for 10 years of service in the North Carolina House of Representatives; and

Whereas, during his service with the General Assembly, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds served on numerous committees including the Advisory Budget Commission, Appropriations, Constitutional Amendments, Elections Laws, and State Government; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds served as chair of Human Resources and Military and Veteran Affairs and served as vice-chair of Legislative and Local Redistricting, Human Resources, the subcommittee on Personnel Policies, Banks and Thrift Institutions, and Constitutional Amendments; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds was held in high esteem by his colleagues in the General Assembly and served with distinction until his death on December 13, 1992; and

Whereas, Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds is survived by his widow, Jo Ann Fuller Jeralds; two sons, Adonis N. Jeralds and Adrian D. Jeralds; and a daughter, Arikka M. Jeralds;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and devoted service to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly extends its deep sorrow to the family and friends of Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds for the loss of a beloved family man and a true friend.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Luther Reginald "Nick" Jeralds.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of February, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Marie W. Colton
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives