

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1993

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1296

Sponsors: Senators Tally and Edwards.

Referred to: Calendar for 7/12/93.

July 7, 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 member of the General Assembly,
4 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 Marsh Tyson; and

7 Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson attended Gray's Creek School, earning and
8 receiving his GED while in his sixties; and

9 Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson lived and worked for all of his life in the
10 Gray's Creek Community in Cumberland County; and

11 Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson married Addie Amelia Williams on June
12 16, 1940, from which marriage three children were born: Carrie Eula Tyson, Henry
13 MacMillan Tyson II, and John Marsh Tyson; and

14 Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson gave freely of his time, energy, and talents
15 to others, in virtually all aspects of community life; and

16 Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson served with honor and distinction in the
17 General Assembly as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives for
18 terms during the 1973, 1977, 1979, 1981, 1983, and 1985 Legislative Sessions; and

19 Whereas, prior to his retirement from the General Assembly, Henry
20 McMillan Tyson served as a member of, and held numerous leadership roles in, the
21 following committees: Aging, Agriculture, Alcohol Beverage Control, Appropriations,
22 Congressional Redistricting, Conservation and Development, Education, Finance,
23 Health, Insurance, Judiciary III, Local Government I and II, Manufacturers and Labor,
24 Military and Veterans Affairs, Public Utilities, State Properties, Water and Air
25 Resources; and

1 Whereas, in addition to his General Assembly service, in 1956, Henry
2 McMillan Tyson was elected to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners and
3 served for 12 years, including seven years as Chair, during the latter years of which
4 Cumberland County led the State of North Carolina in industrial, business, and military
5 growth; and

6 Whereas, in the 1960s, Henry McMillan Tyson served on the Charter Board
7 of Directors of the Scottish Bank and, after merger, as a Director of the First Union
8 National Bank; he was also appointed Sales Supervisor for the Fayetteville Area
9 Tobacco Market, and was commissioned an Admiral of the USS North Carolina, North
10 Carolina Navy, by Governor Terry Sanford; and

11 Whereas, in 1990, Henry McMillan Tyson was nominated and named to
12 "Who's Who in Agriculture"; and

13 Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson's religious affiliation, civic participation,
14 and other memberships included: Elder Emeritus and Chair of the Board of Deacons of
15 First Presbyterian Church in Fayetteville and Sunday School teacher for its Fellowship
16 Class; Fayetteville Kiwanis Club; Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce, including
17 serving as Chair of its Agribusiness Committee; Cumberland County Wildlife
18 Association; Senior Citizens Roundtable; Cumberland County Soil Conservation
19 Commission Charter member; Cumberland County Agriculture Advisory Council;
20 North Carolina Farm Bureau life member; Cumberland County Livestock Association;
21 Fayetteville Eastern Star; President of Cumberland County Parent Teacher Association;
22 President of Gray's Creek Ruritan Club; and President of John Huske Anderson
23 Masonic Lodge; and

24 Whereas, Henry McMillan Tyson will be fondly remembered by all who
25 knew him as a religious, warm, and giving man, devoted to family, community, and to
26 public service;

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

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

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