

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1993

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SENATE RESOLUTION 1298

Sponsors: Senator Basnight.

Referred to:

July 24, 1993

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF
2 THADDEUS ARMIE EURE, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE.

3 Whereas, Thaddeus Armie "Thad" Eure, former Secretary of State, passed
4 away on July 21, 1993; and

5 Whereas, Thad Eure was born in Gates County on November 15, 1899, to
6 Tazwell A. Eure and Armecia L. Eure; and

7 Whereas, Thad Eure attended Gatesville High School from 1913 through
8 1917, the University of North Carolina from 1917 through 1919, and the School of Law
9 at the University of North Carolina from 1921 through 1922; and

10 Whereas, Thad Eure was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1922;
11 and

12 Whereas, Thad Eure married Minta Banks on November 15, 1924, and from
13 their union two children, Armecia and Thad, Jr., were born; and

14 Whereas, Thad Eure served as the County Attorney for Hertford County from
15 1923 until 1931 and served as the Mayor of the Town of Winton from 1923 until 1928;
16 and

17 Whereas, Thad Eure represented Hertford County as a member of the House
18 of Representatives in 1929 and served as the Principal Clerk of the House of
19 Representatives during the legislative sessions of 1931, 1933, and 1935, and the 1936
20 extra session; and

21 Whereas, Thad Eure was elected Secretary of State on November 3, 1936,
22 and assumed the duties of that office on December 21, 1935, 10 days prior to the
23 commencement of his term, due to the resignation of the incumbent; and

24 Whereas, Thad Eure was reelected as Secretary of State for 12 terms, serving
25 in that position for 52 years, the longest record in the nation; and

1 Whereas, Thad Eure served as an inspiration for many of the State's public
2 servants and politicians; and

3 Whereas, Thad Eure was a member of numerous civic, community, and
4 fraternal organizations, including the State Employees Association of North Carolina,
5 the Ahoskie Kiwanis Club, Theta Chi Fraternity, the Elks Club, the American Legion,
6 and the National Association of Secretaries of State; and

7 Whereas, Thad Eure served on several boards and commissions, including the
8 Capital Planning Commission, the North Carolina Computer Commission, the
9 Constitution Amendments Publication Commission, the Local Government
10 Commission, and the Board of Trustees of Elon College; and

11 Whereas, during his lifetime, Thad Eure received numerous awards,
12 recognitions, and honors, including the "1983 Citation for Distinguished Public Service"
13 from the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, the "Award of Merit" from
14 North Carolina State University in 1965, the Distinguished Service Award from the
15 American Legion and Forty and Eight in 1971, the Distinguished Service Award from
16 the North Carolina State Elks Association in 1971, the Citizens Service Award from
17 Elon College in 1980, the Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Award, and an honorary Doctor
18 of Laws from Elon College in 1958; and

19 Whereas, Thad Eure was a member of the United Church of Christ; and

20 Whereas, Thad Eure is survived by his wife, Minta Eure, a daughter, Armecia
21 Eure Black, and several other family members and friends; and

22 Whereas, Thad Eure's commitment and service to the Democratic Party and
23 to the State of North Carolina will never be forgotten;

24 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

25 Section 1. The Senate honors the memory of Thaddeus Armie Eure and
26 expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and
27 service to North Carolina. The Senate wishes to dedicate its 1993 Legislative Session to
28 the memory of Thad Eure.

29 Sec. 2. The Senate expresses its deepest sympathy to the family and friends
30 of Thaddeus Armie Eure for the loss of a beloved husband, father, and friend.

31 Sec. 3. The Principal Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a certified copy of
32 this resolution to the family of Thaddeus Armie Eure.

33 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.