

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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**Resolution**

**SENATE RESOLUTION 1298  
Adopted 7/24/93**

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Sponsors: Senator Basnight.

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Referred to:

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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 Armechia 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, Armechia 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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