

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1538\***

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Sponsors: Senator Reeves.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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June 1, 1998

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF WILLIAM  
2 CLINTON "BUCK" HARRIS JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL  
3 ASSEMBLY.

4       Whereas, William Clinton "Buck" Harris Jr. was born in Raleigh, North  
5 Carolina, on January 1, 1913, to William C. Harris Sr. and Juliet Crews Harris; and

6       Whereas, Buck Harris received his undergraduate and law degrees from the  
7 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

8       Whereas, Buck Harris had a passion for sports and was a contributing  
9 member of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Southern Conference  
10 Championship Basketball Team in 1935; and

11       Whereas, Buck Harris proudly served his country as a Lt. Commander in the  
12 United States Navy during World War II as Captain of Destroyer Escort 26; and

13       Whereas, after his military service, Buck Harris began the law firm of Harris  
14 and Poe with Charles A. Poe. Later, the firm became Harris, Cheshire, Leager and  
15 Southern and eventually merged with the firm of Poyner and Spruill; and

16       Whereas, Buck Harris served his profession as a member of the American  
17 Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, and the Wake County Bar  
18 Association; and

19       Whereas, Buck Harris served with honor and distinction as a member of the  
20 North Carolina House of Representatives from 1957 through 1962; and

21       Whereas, Buck Harris was a member of the Board of Trustees of the  
22 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Virginia Episcopal School and was a  
23 member of the Wake County Board of Directors of Branch Banking & Trust; and

1           Whereas, Buck Harris served as the first Chair of the Raleigh Human  
2 Relations Council and the first Chair of the Board of Directors of North Carolina Blue  
3 Cross Blue Shield Corporation; and

4           Whereas, Buck Harris was an active contributor to the affairs of his  
5 community, serving as a member of the Raleigh Jaycees, the Carolina Country Club,  
6 Sphinx Club, Terpsichorean Club, Nine O'Clock Cotillion, and Capital Cotillion; and

7           Whereas, Buck Harris died at the age of 84 on September 24, 1997, leaving  
8 his wife, Jean Erskine Harris; two sons, W.C. "Buck" Harris III, Malcolm E. Harris; a  
9 daughter, Sally F. Harris; and six grandchildren; and

10           Whereas, Buck Harris will be remembered by all who knew him as a warm  
11 and giving man devoted to his family, his community, his profession, and to public  
12 service; and

13           Whereas, North Carolina and the City of Raleigh have lost one of their most  
14 beloved and respected citizens with the passing of Buck Harris; Now, therefore,

15 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

16           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of William Clinton  
17 "Buck" Harris Jr. and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its  
18 citizens for his life and service to his community and to North Carolina.

19           Section 2. The General Assembly expresses its deep sorrow to the family and  
20 friends of William Clinton "Buck" Harris Jr. for the loss of a beloved husband, father,  
21 grandfather, and a true friend.

22           Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
23 resolution to the family of William Clinton "Buck" Harris Jr.

24           Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.