

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 387\***

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Sponsors: Representatives Horn and Dedmon.  
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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.  
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March 10, 1999

**A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF WADE BOSTIC MATHENY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny was born on January 26, 1905, to John W. Matheny and Arrie Kennedy Matheny in Forest City, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny graduated from Forest City High School in 1924, Wake Forest University in 1928, and the Law School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1932; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny had an expansive career, serving as a high school teacher, attorney, and businessman; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny was a devoted public servant, serving as President of the Rutherford County Bar Association, as Rutherford County's Solicitor and Prosecuting Attorney, and also as a District Court Judge; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny was a member of several fraternal and civic organizations including the Knights of Pythias, the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, and the Forest City Kiwanis Club, and served as Secretary of the Broad River Soil Conservation District; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny was honored by the Chamber of Commerce with a plaque for community service and twice awarded by the Kiwanis Club for distinguished service; and

Whereas, as a member of the local school board, Wade Bostic Matheny chaired a committee to solicit support for an Industrial Education Center to train high school dropouts; and

Whereas, this center was established in Avondale in 1961 and was the beginning of Iso Thermal Community College; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny served with honor and distinction as a member of the North Carolina Senate from 1941 through 1946; and

Whereas, while a member of the General Assembly, Wade Bostic Matheny sponsored a bill to provide financial support for a health department in every county in the State, granting every adult and child access to medical care regardless of ability to pay; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny was a member of the First Baptist Church in Forest City for 63 years, serving as a deacon and Bible Class teacher; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny was respected and admired by his community; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny was a loving husband and devoted father and grandfather; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny died on December 2, 1998; and

Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny is survived by his wife, Eleanor Calhoun Matheny, a daughter, Alice Matheny Lancaster, a son, David W. Matheny, and a number of grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Wade Bostic Matheny and expresses gratitude and appreciation for the service he rendered to his community and State.

Section 2. The General Assembly expresses its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Wade Bostic Matheny.

Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Wade Bostic Matheny.

Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.