

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE RESOLUTION 1489

Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee Substitute Senate Resolution Adopted
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Sponsors:

Referred to:

May 25, 2000

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JAMES
2 MCCLURE CLARKE, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
3 AND CONGRESS.
4 Whereas, James McClure "Jamie"Clarke was born on June 12, 1917, in
5 Manchester, Vermont, to Dumont Clarke Sr. and Annie McClure Clarke; and
6 Whereas, Jamie Clarke moved to North Carolina in 1931; and
7 Whereas, Jamie Clarke graduated from The Asheville School for Boys in 1935
8 and from Princeton University in 1939; and
9 Whereas, Jamie Clarke served as an officer in the United States Naval
10 Reserves from 1942 to 1945, seeing action in the Pacific Theater; and
11 Whereas, Jamie Clarke married Elspeth McClure in 1945; and
12 Whereas, Jamie Clarke was the owner of Hickory Nut Gap Farm, in Fairview,
13 North Carolina, where he was a successful dairy farmer and orchard grower; and
14 Whereas, Jamie Clarke served as Chair of the Buncombe County Board of
15 Education from 1969 to 1976; and

1 Whereas, Jamie Clarke served with honor and distinction as a member of the
2 North Carolina House of Representatives from 1977 to 1980 and as a member of the
3 North Carolina Senate from 1981 to 1982; and

4 Whereas, Jamie Clarke was elected to the United States House of
5 Representatives in 1982 and reelected in 1986 and 1988; and

6 Whereas, as a member of Congress, Jamie Clarke successfully introduced
7 legislation that set aside 68,000 acres of national forestland as part of the National
8 Wilderness Preservation System and protected Transylvania County's Horsepasture River
9 Gorge and Jackson County's Panthertown Valley; and

10 Whereas, Jamie Clarke served as Secretary and President of the Farmers
11 Federation Cooperative from 1946 to 1959; as Associate Editor of the Asheville Citizens-
12 Times from 1960 to 1968; as Assistant to the President of Warren Wilson College from
13 1969 to 1981; and as Secretary and Trustee of the James G.K. McClure Educational and
14 Development Fund; and

15 Whereas, throughout his life, Jamie Clarke was active in many organizations,
16 serving as a trustee or board member of Warren Wilson College, Coalition for the Blue
17 Ridge Parkway, the North Carolina Environmental Defense Fund, Western North
18 Carolina Community Foundation, Council on Aging, North Carolina Symphony, Thoms
19 Rehabilitation Hospital, Southeastern Council of Foundations, and Eckerd Wilderness
20 Educational System; and

21 Whereas, Jamie Clarke also served as a member and former President of the
22 Asheville Civitan Club, former director of the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department,
23 trustee and vice-chair of the North Carolina School of the Arts, trustee of Memorial
24 Mission Hospital, trustee of the Semans Art Fund, and a former member and elder of the
25 Warren Wilson College Presbyterian Church; and

26 Whereas, Jamie Clarke was a loyal member of the Fairview Christian
27 Fellowship Presbyterian Church; and

28 Whereas, Jamie Clarke died on April 13, 1999; and

29 Whereas, Jamie Clarke is survived by his wife, Elspeth McClure Clarke; two
30 daughters, Susie Clarke Hamilton and Annie Clarke Ager; four sons, James G.K.
31 McClure Clarke, Dumont Clarke IV, William Clarke, and Douglas Dixon Clarke; a
32 number of grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several other close relatives; and

33 Whereas, it is the desire of the Senate to acknowledge Jamie Clarke's
34 achievements and pay tribute to his life and service; Now, therefore,
35 Be it resolved by the Senate:

36 Section 1. The Senate expresses its deep appreciation for the life and
37 accomplishments of James McClure Clarke and for the great service he rendered to the
38 nation and the State of North Carolina.

39 Section 2. The Senate extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends
40 of James McClure Clarke.

41 Section 3. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
42 to the family of James McClure Clarke.

43 Section 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.