

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 464\***

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Sponsors: Senator Dalton.

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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March 23, 1999

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

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

5 Whereas, Wade Bostic Matheny graduated from Forest City High School in  
6 1924, Wake Forest University in 1928, and the Law School at the University of North  
7 Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1932; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

27           Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.