

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1993

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 976

Sponsors: Senators Plyler; Albertson, Allran, Basnight, Blackmon, Cochrane, Conder, Folger, Gulley, Hartsell, Harris, Hunt, Hyde, Johnson, Kaplan, Kerr, Kincaid, Lee, Marshall, Martin of Pitt, Odom, Parnell, Perdue, Richardson, Seymour, Sherron, Simpson, Smith, Soles, Speed, Tally, Walker, Ward, Warren, and Winner of Mecklenburg.

Referred to: Calendar 4/28/93.

April 27, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DWIGHT
2 WILSON QUINN, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn, one of North Carolina's most distinguished
4 legislators, died on February 27, 1992; and

5 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn was born on September 12, 1917, in York,
6 South Carolina, to William Lytle Quinn and Lucy Wilson Quinn; and

7 Whereas, in 1920, Dwight Wilson Quinn and his family moved to the City of
8 Kannapolis, where he remained a loyal and devoted resident until his death; and

9 Whereas, after attending the public schools in Cabarrus County, Dwight
10 Wilson Quinn went to work at the Cannon Mills Company; and

11 Whereas, with the exception of two years of service in the United States
12 Army from 1944 through 1945, Dwight Wilson Quinn remained an employee of the
13 Cannon Mills Company, and before his retirement in 1985, had become Director of
14 Public Affairs; and

15 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn married Marian Elizabeth Isenhour and they
16 had one child, Linda Jo; and

17 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn was active in several fraternal and
18 community organizations including the American Legion, the Rotary Club, the Shrine's
19 Oasis Temple, the Cannon Memorial YMCA, in which he served as Director, and the
20 Cabarrus County Boys Club, in which he served on the Board of Directors; and

21 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn served on numerous boards and commissions
22 including the Southern Region Education Board as Director, the Board of Trustees and

1 Executive Committee of Appalachian State University as Chair, the Governor's
2 Commission on Reorganization of State Government as Chair, the Executive
3 Committee of the Governor's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime,
4 the Criminal Code Revision Committee, and the Governor's Study Commission on
5 Architectural Barriers for the Benefit of the Handicapped; and

6 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn was an active member of the Democratic
7 Party and served as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1960 and
8 1968; and

9 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn was recruited to run for the North Carolina
10 House of Representatives in 1950; and

11 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn was elected to and served in the House of
12 Representatives for an unprecedented 18 consecutive terms from 1951 through 1985,
13 entitling him to be known as the "Dean" of the House of Representatives; and

14 Whereas, during Dwight Wilson Quinn's 36-year tenure, he served under 15
15 Speakers of the House of Representatives and nine Governors of the State of North
16 Carolina; and

17 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn chaired numerous House committees
18 including the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education, the Public Utilities
19 Committee, the Education Committee, the Higher Education Committee, and the
20 Finance Committee; and

21 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn had a profound influence on the House of
22 Representatives; he worked long and hard behind the scenes to assist the leadership and
23 governors in achieving their programs; and

24 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn always remembered the people he
25 represented and was instrumental in helping the City of Kannapolis and Cabarrus
26 County grow; and

27 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn received numerous awards and recognitions
28 including an Honorary Doctor of Law from Appalachian State University in 1978, the
29 National Distinguished Service Award from AMVETS in 1953, and Man of the Year
30 from the Kannapolis Jaycees in 1948; and

31 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn was an active member of the Kimball
32 Memorial Lutheran Church where he had served as a member of the Church Council;
33 and

34 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn was well-respected and admired by his peers,
35 his friends, members of his community, and the State of North Carolina; and

36 Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn is survived by his wife, Marian Isenhour
37 Quinn; a daughter, Linda Jo Quinn Dodge; and four grandchildren;

38 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

39 Section 1. The General Assembly recognizes the achievements of Dwight
40 Wilson Quinn and expresses its appreciation for his contributions to the State.

41 Sec. 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family
42 and friends of Dwight Wilson Quinn and mourns the loss of this able and devoted
43 public servant.

- 1 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
2 to the family of Dwight Wilson Quinn.
3 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.