

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2003-25**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 231**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CHARLES BENNETT "C.B." DEANE, FORMER NORTH CAROLINA MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

Whereas, Charles Bennett "C.B." Deane was born on November 1, 1898, in Anson County, North Carolina; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane attended Pee Dee Academy in Rockingham and Trinity Park School in Durham, and received a law degree from Wake Forest College; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1923 and engaged in the practice of law in Rockingham from 1923 through 1926; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane served as Register of Deeds of Richmond County from 1926 to 1934 and as an attorney in the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, in Washington, D.C., from 1938 through 1939; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane later worked in administrative law and insurance; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane served as Chair of the Richmond County Democratic Executive Committee from 1932 to 1946; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane was elected to Congress in 1946, serving with honor and distinction through 1956; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane lost his congressional seat after taking a courageous public stand in favor of racial desegregation and refusing to sign the "Southern Manifesto," a document signed by many Southern members of Congress criticizing the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the landmark school desegregation case, Brown v. Board of Education; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane was active in his Baptist church and was in favor of Baptist colleges and universities admitting African-Americans as students; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane served as a trustee of Wake Forest University and Meredith College; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane served as an example and instilled the desire to serve the people of North Carolina and many others, including his son, Charles B. Deane, Jr., a former member of the State Senate and long-time member of the Richmond County Board of Education, and his grandson, Bennett Deane, current member of the Rockingham City Council; and

Whereas, C.B. Deane died on November 24, 1969; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Charles Bennett "C.B." Deane and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and service.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Bennett "C.B." Deane for the loss of a beloved family member and friend.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Charles Bennett "C.B." Deane.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 2003.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives