

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1973 SESSION

RESOLUTION 99  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1240

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FREDERICK BAYS  
McCALL.

Whereas, the General Assembly was deeply saddened to learn of the death on April 8, 1973, at the age of 79, of Frederick Bays McCall, distinguished legal scholar and retired Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall was a native of Charlotte, was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1915, attended Columbia University, and received his LL.B. degree from the Yale Law School; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall served as a teacher of Latin and as principal of Charlotte High School prior to beginning his forty-one-year tenure on the faculty of the University of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall crowned three years of teaching in the University's College of Arts and Sciences with a glorious thirty-eight-year career as Professor of Law in the University's School of Law; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall, along with M. T. Van Hecke, Robert H. Wettach, Albert Coates, M. S. Breckenridge, John Dalzell and Frank W. Hanft, as teachers of law, distinguished themselves and became known in the lore of the law school as "The Great Seven"; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall was known to generations of his students as a polite and sensitive teacher whose love for the law and its teaching was nearly equalled by his love for good humor, for puns and for their artful telling; and

Whereas, upon Frederick Bays McCall's retirement from the faculty of the law school in 1964, the students dedicated to him a special issue of the "North Carolina Law Review" containing an article entitled "Thank you very much, Gentlemen, that will be all for today" - these being the words he always used to close his daily classes; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall merged his love and knowledge of the law with his love for the people of the State of North Carolina into a public service career marked by his relentless efforts to revise and reform the North Carolina laws governing the passage of property upon death intestate and the administration of decedents' estates; and

Whereas, his untiring efforts bore fruit in the enactment of the Intestate Succession Act in 1959, the enactment of the Estates of Missing Persons Act in 1965 and the presentation to the 1973 General Assembly of a monumental revision of the statutes relating to the administration of decedents' estates; and

Whereas, a great deal of Frederick Bays McCall's work in the area of statutory revision was done as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and member of the General Statutes Commission's Drafting Committee for the Revision of the Laws Relating to the Administration of Decedents' Estates during the 16 years beginning in 1957 and ending with his death; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall was a talented man whose interests were as broad as his influence; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall was an accomplished musician who devoted 40 years of his life to the University Symphony Orchestra as tympanist; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall was an accomplished baseball player in his youth and a devoted fan of the baseball team and the other athletic teams of the University of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Frederick Bays McCall was a noble and courtly gentleman of superior intellect and ability possessed of talents as broad and as varied as his interests and his knowledge; and

Whereas, he set a high standard of unselfish devotion for the betterment of his fellow citizens and the laws which govern them during his long and successful career;

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

**Section 1.** That in the death of Frederick Bays McCall the State of North Carolina has lost a most able, useful and loyal citizen.

**Sec. 2.** That the General Assembly does hereby express its sincere appreciation and gratitude for the life and services of Frederick Bays McCall as a citizen and public servant of North Carolina.

**Sec. 3.** That the General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Frederick Bays McCall, his widow, Adeline McCall, to his brothers, Johnston V. McCall and Robert N. McCall, and to his sister, Mrs. Isabelle Christianson, in their loss.

**Sec. 4.** That a copy of this resolution shall be certified by the Secretary of State and transmitted to the widow of Frederick Bays McCall.

**Sec. 5.** That this resolution shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 23rd day of May, 1973.