

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 19
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 919

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOSEPH ELLIOTT EAGLES, FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles was born on January 6, 1910, in Edgecombe County, and educated in the Wilson City Schools, Augusta Military Academy and Duke University; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles, was the fifth generation of his family to live in Crisp, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles was elected to the North Carolina General Assembly in 1960 and served with distinction for five terms, during which he was a member of the Advisory Budget Committee, Chairman of the Banks and Banking Committee, Chairman of the Highway Safety Committee, a member of many other committees, and was the North Carolina Delegate to the United States Interstate Commerce Commission and traveled widely throughout all fifty states participating in and representing North Carolina at meetings pertaining to Commerce and traffic safety; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles served as the first Director of the North Carolina Housing Authority and devoted much of his time for several years in traveling throughout North Carolina promoting Housing; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles was active all of his adult life in various civic, community and religious activities, serving as a member of the Crisp Ruritan Club, the Tarboro Rotary Club, the Edgecombe County Farm Bureau, a Director of the Edgecombe Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company, President of the Crisp Power Company, a Director of the Edgecombe Bank and Trust Company and the Merchants and Farmers Bank; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles was very active in Boy Scout work and was awarded the Silver Compass, the Silver Beaver and the Order of the Arrow; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles was a faithful and active member of the Eagles Baptist Church; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles married the lovely and devoted Mary Scott McLean in 1935 and they had a daughter, Jacqueline E. Peckmann, and a son, Joseph E. Eagles, Jr., and several grandchildren, who survive him; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles was earnest in his efforts in all of his various activities, friendly in manner and disposition, possessed of a generous nature and a warm and infectious smile, and genuinely interested in the welfare of his friends, people of his community and of his State; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles was a devoted husband and father, a faithful friend, a tireless worker and a delightful and much sought after companion; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles has left behind him the finest example of a dedicated and persevering devotion to good government that all should seek to emulate; and

Whereas, Joseph Elliott Eagles was an effective and respected leader to whom other leaders at all levels of government in North Carolina looked for advice and assistance;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to recognize with deep gratitude and sincere appreciation Joseph Elliott Eagles' outstanding contribution to good government and to the enhancement of the quality of life in his State and community and for our rich and pleasant memories of a life well lived and generously shared.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Joseph Elliott Eagles.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1st day of May, 1987.

Robert B. Jordan III
President of the Senate

Liston B. Ramsey
Speaker of the House of Representatives