

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 66
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1619

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FRED MOORE
MILLS, JR.

Whereas, Fred Moore "Fritz" Mills, Jr., was born in Wadesboro, North Carolina, on March 26, 1922; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills was educated in the public school system, served in the United States Army in the European Theater of Operations from 1942 until 1945, and graduated with a degree in commerce in 1950 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills operated successful businesses in peach farming, timber, gravel production, and real estate; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills was a deacon in his church and a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Loyal Order of Moose; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills believed intensely in public service and was dedicated to the improvement of the State; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills served with distinction in the North Carolina Senate in 1963 and 1965 and in the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1967 and 1969; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills served as the Governor's liaison to the General Assembly in 1971 and, reflecting his lifelong interest in education, was instrumental in university issues, as well as in the reorganization of the State's transportation agencies; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills became the State's first Secretary of Transportation in 1971; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills in 1973 became legislative consultant to several organizations including Electricities of North Carolina, where he later served as acting general manager and for years as director of governmental affairs; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills' knowledge of utility matters and his devotion to the cause of public power in North Carolina proved of great and lasting value to the municipalities he served and to the members of the General Assembly who benefitted from his counsel; and

Whereas, no words can effectively summarize and capture the essence of Fritz Mills; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills' intelligence and knowledge of government made him a force on any issue; and

Whereas, amid the rigors of public service, Fritz Mills retained a sense of humor and of self-deprecation; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills evaluated opinions on their merits more than on their source; and

Whereas, during changing times, Fritz Mills remained so contemporary a man that he was immersed in each new issue and development; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills reached out to others to help with personal concerns; and

Whereas, Fritz Mills' first priority was always his family: his wife, Frances Davis Mills; and his sons, Fred Moore Mills III and James Fetzer Mills; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes not only to honor the accomplishments and memory of Fritz Mills, but also to express the sentiment that the "The Building", as he called this place, is the less because of his absence;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina recognizes the stature and accomplishments of Fred Moore Mills, Jr., and conveys the appreciation of North Carolina for his life and service towards progress in the State.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Fred Moore Mills, Jr.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of July, 1990.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

J. L. Mavretic
Speaker of the House of Representatives