

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 11
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 976

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Dwight Wilson Quinn served on numerous boards and commissions including the Southern Region Education Board as Director, the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of Appalachian State University as Chair, the Governor's Commission on Reorganization of State Government as Chair, the Executive Committee of the Governor's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime, the Criminal Code Revision Committee, and the Governor's Study Commission on Architectural Barriers for the Benefit of the Handicapped; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Dwight Wilson Quinn.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of April, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives