A SENATE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THADDEUS ARMIE EURE, FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE.

Whereas, Thaddeus Armie "Thad" Eure, former Secretary of State, passed away on July 21, 1993; and

Whereas, Thad Eure was born in Gates County on November 15, 1899, to Tazwell A. Eure and Armecia L. Eure; and

Whereas, Thad Eure attended Gatesville High School from 1913 through 1917, the University of North Carolina from 1917 through 1919, and the School of Law at the University of North Carolina from 1921 through 1922; and

Whereas, Thad Eure was admitted to the North Carolina State Bar in 1922; and

Whereas, Thad Eure married Minta Banks on November 15, 1924, and from their union two children, Armecia and Thad, Jr., were born; and

Whereas, Thad Eure served as the County Attorney for Hertford County from 1923 until 1931 and served as the Mayor of the Town of Winton from 1923 until 1928; and

Whereas, Thad Eure represented Hertford County as a member of the House of Representatives in 1929 and served as the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives during the legislative sessions of 1931, 1933, and 1935, and the 1936 extra session; and

Whereas, Thad Eure was elected Secretary of State on November 3, 1936, and assumed the duties of that office on December 21, 1935, 10 days prior to the commencement of his term, due to the resignation of the incumbent; and
Whereas, Thad Eure was reelected as Secretary of State for 12 terms, serving in that position for 52 years, the longest record in the nation; and

Whereas, Thad Eure served as an inspiration for many of the State's public servants and politicians; and

Whereas, Thad Eure was a member of numerous civic, community, and fraternal organizations, including the State Employees Association of North Carolina, the Ahoskie Kiwanis Club, Theta Chi Fraternity, the Elks Club, the American Legion, and the National Association of Secretaries of State; and

Whereas, Thad Eure served on several boards and commissions, including the Capital Planning Commission, the North Carolina Computer Commission, the Constitution Amendments Publication Commission, the Local Government Commission, and the Board of Trustees of Elon College; and

Whereas, during his lifetime, Thad Eure received numerous awards, recognitions, and honors, including the "1983 Citation for Distinguished Public Service" from the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, the "Award of Merit" from North Carolina State University in 1965, the Distinguished Service Award from the American Legion and Forty and Eight in 1971, the Distinguished Service Award from the North Carolina State Elks Association in 1971, the Citizens Service Award from Elon College in 1980, the Theta Chi Fraternity Alumni Award, and an honorary Doctor of Laws from Elon College in 1958; and

Whereas, Thad Eure was a member of the United Church of Christ; and

Whereas, Thad Eure is survived by his wife, Minta Eure, a daughter, Armecia Eure Black, and several other family members and friends; and

Whereas, Thad Eure's commitment and service to the Democratic Party and to the State of North Carolina will never be forgotten;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

Section 1. The Senate honors the memory of Thadeus Armie Eure and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and service to North Carolina. The Senate wishes to dedicate its 1993 Legislative Session to the memory of Thad Eure.

Sec. 2. The Senate expresses its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Thadeus Armie Eure for the loss of a beloved husband, father, and friend.

Sec. 3. The Principal Clerk of the Senate shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Thadeus Armie Eure.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.