

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 20
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 194

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF J. MARVIN JOHNSON,
FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was born in Benson, North Carolina on March 21, 1912, to the late James Mansey and Vara Lee Johnson; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was educated in the Johnston County public schools, at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received a B.S. degree in Commerce, and at the Raleigh Law School; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson distinguished himself as a businessman, having owned and operated Smithfield Oil and Gin Company for 32 years and the Smithfield and Four Oaks Gin Company for 30 years and having served as president of JMJ Enterprises, a parent company of Merchant Discount Building Supplies; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson served as deputy clerk of the Johnston Superior Court from 1936 until 1942, was elected auditor of Johnston County in 1942, 1946, and 1950, and was tax supervisor for the county for a number of years; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson volunteered for the United States Navy in 1943, served on destroyer escorts from 1944 until 1946, and was discharged as Lieutenant Senior Grade USNR, Line Officer; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was an active participant in many veterans' organizations in Johnston County, including the Stevens-Barbour Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Smithfield, which he organized and where he served as post commander, the Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion, where he served as post commander, and the Johnston County War Veterans Association, where he also served as post commander; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson took an early interest in politics, having served as president of the Young Democratic Club in Johnston County for a number of years, as chairman of the Johnston County Democratic Executive Committee from 1962 until 1964, and as a member of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee from 1962 until 1968; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was elected to two two-year terms in the North Carolina General Assembly, where he served as a member of the Senate in 1968, representing the eighth senatorial district of Johnston, Nash, and Wilson Counties, and as a member of the House of Representatives in 1970, representing the 15th district of Johnston and Wilson Counties; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was a devoted and active member of his community as shown by his memberships in several civic and fraternal organizations, including the Kiwanis and Elks Clubs, the Loyal Order of Moose, which he helped organize and where he served as its first governor, and Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was appointed to the board of trustees of the Johnston Memorial Hospital in 1966 and was chairman of that board for 12 years, and was former president of the Johnston County Chapter of the UNC Alumni; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was also a member of the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Association, the Carolina LPGAS Association, and the Carolina Ginners Association; and

Whereas, J. Marvin Johnson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Smithfield; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to pay tribute to its former member for his dedication and leadership; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to honor the life and memory of J. Marvin Johnson and express its appreciation for his service to the citizens of Johnston County and to the State of North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to express its sympathy to the family of J. Marvin Johnson, including his wife, Gertrude Brady Johnson; his two daughters, Betsy Dunnagan of Raleigh and Delane Armstrong of Ayden; and his son, James Marvin (Jimmy) Johnson, Jr., of Benson for the loss of their loved one.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of J. Marvin Johnson.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of May, 1989.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

J. L. Mavretic
Speaker of the House of Representatives