

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 59
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2392

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HERBERT CLIFTON BLUE, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Herbert Clifton "Cliff" Blue was born in Cumberland County on August 28, 1910, to John Patrick and Christian Stewart Blue; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue graduated from Vass-Lakeview High School in 1929; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue began a career in publishing in 1932 when he borrowed fifty dollars to establish a weekly newspaper called "The Captain" in Vass, North Carolina; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue consolidated "The Captain" with "The Sandhill Citizen" and moved it to Aberdeen in 1936; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue established "The Robbins Record" in Robbins, North Carolina in 1958; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue sold both newspapers in 1982 but continued to write a column for the combined paper known as "The Citizen-News-Record" and to serve as a consultant until 1987; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue was active in the North Carolina Press Association, serving as its director, president, and vice-president; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue served the people of Moore County and the State of North Carolina for nine terms in the House of Representatives beginning in 1947; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue was elected speaker of the House of Representatives in 1963; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue was responsible for the passage of the "Blue Bill" which prevented insurance companies from cancelling health, accident, and hospital coverage without a notice period; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue was a member of the Democratic Party but was described as a true statesman who was respected and admired by all of his colleagues; and

Whereas, when the need arose to extend secondary education, Cliff Blue played a major role in establishing the community college system in North Carolina and the Sandhills Community College in Moore County; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue was appointed to the Sandhills Community College Board of Trustees and served as the Chairman of the Board from 1963 to 1979 and was honored with a building named for him on the Sandhills Community College Campus; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue was an active participant in his church and community, serving as Sunday school superintendent, deacon, elder, and trustee in the Bethesda Presbyterian Church; as a Mason and member of the Aberdeen Lions Club, and as chairman of the March of Dimes in Moore County for ten years; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue died on March 10, 1990; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue leaves to mourn, his widow, Gala Nunnery Blue; his sons, H. Clifton Blue, Jr., John Blue; and his daughters, Patsy B. Bailey, Elizabeth B. Abrams; and

Whereas, Cliff Blue will be remembered as an outstanding editor, publisher, politician, leader, and family man;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation for the life and accomplishments of H. Clifton Blue and for the great service to the State and Moore County.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of Herbert Clifton Blue and expresses its sympathy to his family.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Herbert Clifton Blue.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10th day of July, 1990.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

J. L. Mavretic
Speaker of the House of Representatives