

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 467
Committee Substitute Favorable 6/28/01**

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 5, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF NEILL
2 MCKAY ROSS, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Neill McKay Ross was born in Harnett County on December 5,
4 1908, to Charles Ross and Frances Reid McKay Ross; and

5 Whereas, Neill Ross attended the Danville Military Institute, Davidson
6 College, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and the School of Law at the
7 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

8 Whereas, Neill Ross practiced law in Harnett County for 68 years; and

9 Whereas, Neill Ross was respected and admired by the members of the State
10 bar throughout his career; and

11 Whereas, the District Court Judges of the 11th Judicial District proclaimed
12 March 18, 1996, "Neill McKay Ross Day"; and

13 Whereas, Neill Ross served with honor and distinction as a member of the
14 North Carolina House of Representatives during the 1939 Session of the General
15 Assembly, becoming the third generation in his family to serve in the legislature; and

16 Whereas, Neill Ross married Lois Christine Ray on February 23, 1941; and

17 Whereas, Neill Ross served in the Army during World War II from 1944 to
18 1946; and

19 Whereas, Neill Ross served as solicitor of Harnett County Recorder's Court
20 from 1948 to 1957; and

21 Whereas, Neill Ross was a loyal member of the Democratic Party, serving as
22 chair of the Harnett County Democratic Executive Committee in 1962; and

23 Whereas, Neill Ross was active in the American Legion serving as an officer
24 and Commander of Post # 28; and

25 Whereas, Neill Ross was a faithful member of the Summerville Presbyterian
26 Church, serving as an adult Sunday school teacher for 46 years and as a deacon and
27 life-long elder; and

28 Whereas, Neill Ross died on February 4, 2001; and

1 Whereas, Neill Ross is survived by his daughters: Victoria Ross Byrd, Lois
2 Ray Ross Johnson, and Margaret Murchison Ross; his sons: Neill McKay Ross, Jr. and
3 James Reid Ross; eleven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild; Now, therefore,
4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

5 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Neill McKay
6 Ross and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his
7 life and his devoted service to North Carolina.

8 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deep and sincere sympathy
9 to the family of Neill McKay Ross.

10 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a copy of this resolution
11 to the family of Neill McKay Ross.

12 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.