

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2001-31
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 467

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Neill Ross is survived by his daughters: Victoria Ross Byrd, Lois Ray Ross Johnson, and Margaret Murchison Ross; his sons: Neill McKay Ross, Jr. and James Reid Ross; eleven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild; Now, therefore,

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

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

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

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

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of
September, 2001.

Beverly E. Perdue
President of the Senate

James B. Black
Speaker of the House of Representatives