

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2001**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2001-19**  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 585**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF COBLE FUNDERBURK, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Coble Funderburk was born on January 18, 1905, in Chesterfield County, South Carolina, to Howard and Sloan Funderburk; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk attended public schools in the Pageland, South Carolina, area; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk graduated from Furman University in 1928 and after graduation moved to Monroe, North Carolina, where he taught at Monroe High School and coached at Monroe High School and Wingate Junior College (now Wingate University); and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk studied law at Wake Forest College (now Wake Forest University) and passed the North Carolina State Bar Exam in 1931; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk began his law practice in Monroe, North Carolina, in June of 1932 and practiced law until his death at age 95; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk was an outstanding trial lawyer who fought hard for his clients; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk served with honor and distinction as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1935 and the North Carolina Senate in 1941 and 1943; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk contributed to the welfare of the Union County community, including serving as a member of the Monroe School Board for approximately 12 years and Chair of the Board of Trustees for Union Memorial Hospital for eight years; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk received many honors and awards, including being named the Paul Harris Fellow by the Monroe Rotary Club, and being inducted into the Order of the Long Leaf Pine; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk, a deeply religious man, taught Sunday school at the First Baptist Church of Monroe for almost 40 years, taught Sunday school lessons on local radio stations for approximately 30 years, and taught and preached in many of the churches throughout Union County and surrounding areas; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk loved hunting and in that pursuit traveled on several African safaris, caught live wild bears in various parts of the State, and went on a hunting trip to Alaska when he was in his eighties; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk was a world traveler, crossing the Atlantic Ocean more than a dozen times, circling the globe twice, and visiting all continents and major countries of the world; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk was the loving father of three children; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk died on September 20, 2000; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk lived an exemplary life in which his word was his bond; and

Whereas, Coble Funderburk will be remembered for his myriad contributions to the State of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Coble Funderburk and expresses its high esteem and regard for his extraordinary life and accomplished leadership and acknowledges the distinguished service he provided to this great State.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Coble Funderburk.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001.

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Marc Basnight  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives