

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2003-24**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 69**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THOMAS BELL HUNTER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Thomas Bell Hunter was born on October 20, 1916, in Rockingham, North Carolina, to Dr. N. C. Hunter and Carrie Jones Hunter; and

Whereas, Thomas Bell Hunter attended the Rockingham and Laurinburg City Schools and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, Thomas Bell Hunter served his country as a member of the United States Army from 1942 to 1946, achieving the rank of captain; and

Whereas, Thomas Bell Hunter married Florence Ledbetter on September 18, 1947, and was the father of three sons, Thomas B. Hunter, Jr., Henry L. Hunter, and John W. Hunter; and

Whereas, Thomas Bell Hunter made a living in the insurance industry; and

Whereas, Thomas Bell Hunter served as Mayor of Rockingham from 1957 to 1963; and

Whereas, Thomas Bell Hunter served with honor and distinction as a member of the House of Representatives during the 1962, 1967, 1971, 1973, and 1977 sessions of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, during his service in the General Assembly, Thomas Bell Hunter was a member of numerous committees and commissions, serving as Chair of Commissions and Institutions for the Blind and Deaf and Vice-Chair of Insurance, Local Government, Mental Health, and Wildlife Resources; and

Whereas, Thomas Bell Hunter was active in the Methodist church and the Shriners; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Thomas Bell Hunter and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and service.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly wishes to extend its sympathy to the family and friends of Thomas Bell Hunter for the loss of a beloved family member and friend.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Thomas Bell Hunter.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 2003.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives