

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2013**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 245\***

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Sponsors: Senator Walters (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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March 12, 2013

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF EDWARD L. "ED"  
2 WILLIAMSON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Edward L. "Ed" Williamson was born on June 6, 1923, in Cerro Gordo,  
4 North Carolina, to C. E. Williamson, Sr. and Lillie McLelland Williamson; and

5 Whereas, Ed Williamson received a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest in 1947  
6 and a law degree from the Duke University School of Law in 1953; and

7 Whereas, Ed Williamson's education was interrupted during college when he served  
8 for three years in the United States Navy during World War II and again during law school  
9 when he was called into active service during the Korean War; and

10 Whereas, Ed Williamson began his law career in the Town of Chadbourn and later  
11 in the City of Whiteville; and

12 Whereas, Ed Williamson served as legal counsel of the Columbus County Schools,  
13 the City of Whiteville, and Southeastern Community College for more than 20 years; and

14 Whereas, Ed Williamson served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Pembroke  
15 State University (now University of North Carolina at Pembroke) and as past president of the  
16 Chadbourn Rotary Club; and

17 Whereas, Ed Williamson was a founder of the Columbus National Bank and the  
18 First Investors Savings and Loan; and

19 Whereas, Ed Williamson served one term in the North Carolina General Assembly  
20 as a member of the House of Representatives in 1959; and

21 Whereas, Ed Williamson was inducted into the North Carolina Bar Association  
22 General Practice Hall of Fame in 1995 and recognized as a 50-year practicing attorney by the  
23 North Carolina State Bar in 2003; and

24 Whereas, Ed Williamson was an active member of Whiteville United Methodist  
25 Church, where he served as lay leader and chair of the administrative board; and

26 Whereas, Ed Williamson was married to the late Sara Benton Williamson and the  
27 late Grace Pope Edwards Williamson; and

28 Whereas, Ed Williamson died on February 10, 2013, at the age of 89; and

29 Whereas, Ed Williamson is survived by his sons, Edward L. "Ren" Williamson Jr.  
30 and Carlton F. Williamson; one stepdaughter, Lucilla E. Hudson; one stepson, John Raymond  
31 Edwards, III; and five grandchildren, Alice C. Williamson, Van Williamson, Christina  
32 Williamson, Emily J. Williamson, and Forrest Williamson; Now, therefore,

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

34 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Edward L. Williamson  
35 and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered to his community, State, and nation.

36 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of  
37 Edward L. Williamson for the loss of a beloved family member.



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- 1           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
- 2 resolution to the family of Edward L. Williamson.
- 3           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.