

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26

Sponsors: Senators Bingham, Brock (Primary Sponsors); Clark, Daniel, Kinnaird, and Rabon.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

February 4, 2013

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DONALD WILLIAM
2 BINGHAM, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Donald William Bingham was born on February 3, 1925, in Randolph
4 County to Thomas William Bingham and Effie Johnson Bingham; and

5 Whereas, Donald William Bingham served as a corporal in the United States Army
6 during World War II from 1943 to 1945; and

7 Whereas, Donald William Bingham married Sarah Smith on November 27, 1949;
8 and

9 Whereas, in 1953, Donald William Bingham, along with W.D. Parks, Jr., opened
10 Bingham and Parks Lumber Company, which later became a national distributor for Olin
11 Manufacturing; and

12 Whereas, Donald William Bingham served in the General Assembly as a member of
13 the House of Representatives during the 1965 Session and as a member of the Senate during the
14 1971 Session; and

15 Whereas, Donald William Bingham served on the Davie County Board of
16 Education, filling the unexpired term of his wife; and

17 Whereas, Donald William Bingham was a member of the Small Business
18 Administration and Director of the Branch Bank and Trust Company in Mocksville; and

19 Whereas, Donald William Bingham was a member of several fraternal and civic
20 organizations, including the Farmington Lodge No. 265, A.F. & A.M.; the Smith Grove Ruritan
21 Club as Director; and the Davie County Library as Director; and

22 Whereas, Donald William Bingham founded and operated the Tar Heel Gun Club;
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24 Whereas, Donald William Bingham was a devoted member of the Bethlehem
25 United Methodist Church, where he spent a number of years as a member of the Board; and

26 Whereas, Donald William Bingham died on August 26, 2011, at the age of 86; and

27 Whereas, Donald William Bingham is survived by his daughters, Debbie Pullen,
28 Betsy Blackburn, and Tommi Steidel, and his grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

30 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Donald William
31 Bingham and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered
32 to his community, State, and nation.

33 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family of Donald
34 William Bingham for the loss of a beloved family member.

35 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
36 resolution to the family of Donald William Bingham.



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SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.