

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 855**

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Sponsors:     Senators Vaughan; and Garrou.

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Referred to:   Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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March 25, 2009

1   A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MARVIN MARTIN  
2   WARD, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward was born on February 10, 1914, in Morrison,  
4   Virginia, to Charles T. Ward and Nora B. Martin Ward; and

5       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward graduated from East Bend High School in 1930 and  
6   received a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Science from Appalachian State Teachers  
7   College in 1934, and a master's degree in School Administration from the University of North  
8   Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1940; and

9       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward served as an educator for many years, teaching  
10   physics and mathematics; and

11       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward later became a school administrator, serving as an  
12   Assistant Principal at Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem and as Principal of Granville  
13   Elementary School in Winston-Salem; and

14       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward became Administrative Assistant Superintendent of  
15   the Winston-Salem City Schools in 1949 and Assistant Superintendent in 1955; and

16       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward was appointed the Superintendent of the Winston-  
17   Salem City Schools in 1962 and served as Superintendent of the consolidated Winston-  
18   Salem/Forsyth County School System from 1963 to 1976; and

19       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward served his profession as a member of the American  
20   Association of School Administrators, North Carolina Division of Superintendents, Mid-Urban  
21   Superintendents, and the National Education Association; and

22       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward served with honor and distinction as a member of the  
23   North Carolina Senate for eight terms between 1979 and 1995; and

24       Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Marvin Martin Ward served as  
25   chair of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Education and sponsored legislation to improve  
26   the State's Basic Education Plan and Career Ladder Plan; and

27       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward was active in his community, serving as a member  
28   of the Winston-Salem Lions Club for more than 50 years and as the past President of the  
29   Ardmore Community Club; and

30       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward received numerous awards and recognitions  
31   throughout his lifetime, including being inducted into Appalachian State University's  
32   Rhododendron Society, which was created to recognize alumni for outstanding professional  
33   accomplishments and contributions to education, in 1999, and having an elementary school in  
34   Forsyth County named in his honor in 2000; and

35       Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward was a faithful member of the Centenary United  
36   Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, where he served on the Board of Stewards, as a Sunday  
37   school teacher, and as a Sunday school superintendent; and



1           Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward died on Monday, November 10, 2008, at the age of  
2 94; and

3           Whereas, Marvin Martin Ward is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary June  
4 Darden Ward; his daughter, Elizabeth "Betty" Darden Cone; his son, Marvin Thomas;  
5 grandsons, Benjamin Cone III and Samuel Martin Cone; a great-granddaughter, Darden  
6 Elizabeth Cone; and a great-grandson, William Wortham Cone; Now, therefore,  
7 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

8           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Marvin Martin Ward  
9 and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered.

10          **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family of Marvin  
11 Martin Ward for the loss of a distinguished family member.

12          **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
13 resolution to the family of Marvin Martin Ward.

14          **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.