A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF OTIS MCCOY MULL, AN OUTSTANDING LEADER IN THE POLITICAL, EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, BUSINESS AND CIVIC PROGRESS OF NORTH CAROLINA FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY.

WHEREAS, the Honorable Otis McCoy Mull, a former Speaker of the House of Representatives for the General Assembly of North Carolina, died November 27, 1962; and

WHEREAS, Otis McCoy Mull was born September 18, 1880, in rural Cleveland County, the son of Margaret Ann Carpenter Mull and Houston E. Mull; and

WHEREAS, the life and history of Otis McCoy Mull reads like a story book. His education began at the age of six years in a public school which was open only three months a year. He graduated from the Belwood Institute in 1898 and entered Wake Forest College where he received an A.B. Degree in 1902, his LL.B. Degree in 1903, and an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws in 1957; and

WHEREAS, Otis McCoy Mull's long and successful business and professional career included such activities as an attorney at law, treasurer and co-builder of Cleveland Cloth Mills, board member of the Shelby Graded School, member of the building committee of the Shelby Hospital, attorney for the City of Shelby, attorney for the Shelby School Board, attorney for the Eagle Roller Mill, director of the Shelby Cotton Mill, Incorporated, president of the Shelby and Cleveland Memorial Parks and Playgrounds, and a member of the board of directors and attorney for the First National Bank of Shelby, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the political, religious, educational and civic leadership of Otis McCoy Mull included the following: Representative for Cleveland County in the North Carolina House of Representatives, State Legislature, in 1907, 1919, 1929, 1939, 1941, and 1947; Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1941; State Chairman of the Democratic Party, 1928-1933; member of the board of trustees of North Carolina Baptist Hospital and Wake Forest College; president of the Wake Forest Board of Trustees in 1956; and

WHEREAS, he favored the removal of Wake Forest College to Winston-Salem and was elected chairman of the planning and building committee for the college in 1946 until the job was completed in 1956, and was a member of the building committee of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, he was known as "Mr. Baptist" of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, he was a trustee of Wake Forest College for thirty-eight years; a trustee of Baptist Hospital; a trustee of Gardner-Webb College for four years; a deacon in the First Baptist Church for fifty-seven years; taught a Sunday school class for forty-five years; served as Sunday school superintendent, church clerk and a member of the building committee of the First Baptist Church in Shelby; was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club and served as its president in 1924; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 1906, he was married to Montrose Pallen McBrayer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Victor McBrayer. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. Earl H. Meacham, one granddaughter, Montrose Meacham, and one grandson, Otis Mull Meacham, all of Shelby, North Carolina:
Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

**Section 1.** That in the passing of Otis McCoy Mull, the State of North Carolina, the county of Cleveland, and the town of Shelby have lost a statesman, a distinguished citizen, a congenial neighbor and faithful friend, whose affection and devotion for his own people were expressed in a life-time of noble and dedicated public service.

**Sec. 2.** That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of both the House of Representatives and the Senate, and that a copy be made available to his family.

**Sec. 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon its adoption.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of March, 1963.