

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 18
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 428

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF PHILIP O. BERRY, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Philip O. Berry was born in Mecklenburg County on August 26, 1940, one of seven children of James Berry and Burdette Clyburn; and

Whereas, Philip O. Berry was graduated as valedictorian from the Plato Price High School in 1957, earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1965, and earned a certificate from the Carolina School of Banking, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1973; and

Whereas, Philip O. Berry became a commercial loan officer at the North Carolina National Bank in 1970 and rose to the position of branch manager, the first black branch manager of a white-owned bank in Charlotte; and

Whereas, Philip O. Berry was elected to the Charlotte- Mecklenburg Board of Education in 1972, becoming the first elected black member and beginning 10 years of service to local education, with five years as Chairman of the Board; and

Whereas, Philip O. Berry was elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1983 and was running unopposed for the North Carolina Senate when he died on October 21, 1984; and

Whereas, Philip O. Berry's life was characterized by high achievement, religious devotion, public service with distinction, and high regard by and for his fellow man;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the life and memory of Philip O. Berry and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens, especially those from Charlotte-Mecklenburg, for his service to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina expresses its deep sorrow at the loss of one of its members and expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Philip O. Berry.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Philip O. Berry.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 31st day of May, 1985.