## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1987 SESSION RATIFIED BILL

## RESOLUTION 22 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 901

## A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CLYDE MONROE NORTON, FORMER STATE SENATOR.

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton, the son of Jasper Monroe Norton and Sarah Hensley Norton, was born in Marion, North Carolina, on March 7, 1916; and

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton was a State Senator from 1965 to 1972 and provided leadership as chairman of both the Insurance and the Senate Election Laws Committees and as a member of the Select Appropriations, Appropriations, Banking, Insurance, Education, Election, Senate Rules and Regulations, Roads, Commerce, and State Utilities committees; and

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton was the Chairman of the Governor's Study Commission on Auto Liability Insurance and Rates from 1969 to 1971; and

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton was active in his community, serving as Vice-Chairman and member of the McDowell County Board of Commissioners from 1956 to 1964, as an Alderman for Old Fort City from 1948 to 1955, as a member and treasurer of the North Carolina Democratic Party Executive Committee for McDowell County, and as a North Carolina Delegate to the National Democratic Convention in Los Angeles, California, in 1960; and

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton was a member of the Western North Carolina Tomorrow Committee from 1980 to 1985 and a member of the Western Carolina University Board of Trustees from 1967 to 1975; and

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton volunteered and promoted historical and cultural projects, working closely with the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources and the State Historical Board; and

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton was appointed to and served for eight years on the Museum and Historical Association, which oversees all historical sites and museums and museum activities; and

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton was active in the First Baptist Church in Old Fort, North Carolina, and served as a Deacon and Chairman of the Deacon Committee, and Sunday School Teacher; and

Whereas, the Clyde Monroe Norton Scholarship Fund was established in his honor to provide continuing support for scholarships for high school graduates from McDowell County who are attending Western Carolina University; and

Whereas, Clyde Monroe Norton married Janet Nodine on May 13, 1944, and had three children, Kenneth, Tommy, and Sarah; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Clyde Monroe Norton and recognize his many years of public service to the people of this State;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of Clyde Monroe Norton and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and devoted service to his community and to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly wishes to express its deepest sorrow for the loss of Clyde Monroe Norton to his family and friends.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Clyde Monroe Norton. Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of May,

1987.

Robert B. Jordan III President of the Senate

Liston B. Ramsey Speaker of the House of Representatives