

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1619

Sponsors: Senators Plyler, Conder, Royall; Allran, Ballance, Barker, Barnes, Basnight, Bryan, Carpenter, Chalk, Cochrane, Daniel, Daughtry, Goldston, Guy, Hardin, Harris, Hunt of Durham, Johnson of Cabarrus, Johnson of Wake, Kaplan, Kincaid, Lee, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Marvin, Murphy, Odom, Parnell, Plyler, Rauch, Raynor, Richardson, Sands, Shaw, Sherron, Simpson, Smith, Soles, Speed, Swain, Taft, Tally, Walker, Ward, Wilson, and Winner.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FRED
2 MOORE MILLS, JR.

3 Whereas, Fred Moore "Fritz" Mills, Jr., was born in Wadesboro, North
4 Carolina, on March 26, 1922; and

5 Whereas, Fritz Mills was educated in the public school system, served in the
6 United States Army in the European Theater of Operations from 1942 until 1945, and
7 graduated with a degree in commerce in 1950 from the University of North Carolina at
8 Chapel Hill; and

9 Whereas, Fritz Mills operated successful businesses in peach farming, timber,
10 gravel production, and real estate; and

11 Whereas, Fritz Mills was a deacon in his church and a member of the
12 American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Loyal Order of Moose; and

13 Whereas, Fritz Mills believed intensely in public service and was dedicated to
14 the improvement of the State; and

15 Whereas, Fritz Mills served with distinction in the North Carolina Senate in
16 1963 and 1965 and in the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1967 and 1969;
17 and

1 Whereas, Fritz Mills served as the Governor's liaison to the General
2 Assembly in 1971 and, reflecting his lifelong interest in education, was instrumental in
3 university issues, as well as in the reorganization of the State's transportation agencies;
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5 Whereas, Fritz Mills became the State's first Secretary of Transportation in
6 1971; and

7 Whereas, Fritz Mills in 1973 became legislative consultant to several
8 organizations including Electricities of North Carolina, where he later served as acting
9 general manager and for years as director of governmental affairs; and

10 Whereas, Fritz Mills' knowledge of utility matters and his devotion to the
11 cause of public power in North Carolina proved of great and lasting value to the
12 municipalities he served and to the members of the General Assembly who benefitted
13 from his counsel; and

14 Whereas, no words can effectively summarize and capture the essence of
15 Fritz Mills; and

16 Whereas, Fritz Mills' intelligence and knowledge of government made him a
17 force on any issue; and

18 Whereas, amid the rigors of public service, Fritz Mills retained a sense of
19 humor and of self-deprecation; and

20 Whereas, Fritz Mills evaluated opinions on their merits more than on their
21 source; and

22 Whereas, during changing times, Fritz Mills remained so contemporary a man
23 that he was immersed in each new issue and development; and

24 Whereas, Fritz Mills reached out to others to help with personal concerns;
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26 Whereas, Fritz Mills' first priority was always his family: his wife, Frances
27 Davis Mills; and his sons, Fred Moore Mills III and James Fetzer Mills; and

28 Whereas, the General Assembly wishes not only to honor the
29 accomplishments and memory of Fritz Mills, but also to express the sentiment that the
30 "The Building", as he called this place, is the less because of his absence;

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

32 Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina recognizes the stature
33 and accomplishments of Fred Moore Mills, Jr., and conveys the appreciation of North
34 Carolina for his life and service towards progress in the State.

35 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
36 to the family of Fred Moore Mills, Jr.

37 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.