

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2004-8**  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1443**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF KATHLEEN BRYAN EDWARDS, ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST PROMINENT CITIZENS.

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards was born on September 10, 1928, in New York City to Joseph Bryan and Kathleen Price Bryan; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards completed high school at the Madeira School in Washington, D.C., attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and was graduated from Sweet Briar College; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards was a well-known philanthropist and civic leader who supported both traditional and unique civic endeavors; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards donated her time, talents, and energy to numerous local, State, and national boards; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards was particularly interested in cultural, educational, political, and environmental issues; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards was tireless in her efforts to improve the lives of those who were impoverished or economically challenged; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards was a generous benefactor of many organizations, including the Greensboro Urban Ministry; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards was one of the founders of the Greensboro Opera Company and the Greensboro Day School and helped create the endowment at the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards served as President of The Kathleen Price Bryan Family Fund and The Julian Price Family Foundation; and

Whereas, in 1998, Kathleen Bryan Edwards donated 92 acres of land in the City of Greensboro, which is now the Julian and Ethel Clay Price Park and the site of a new public library scheduled to be opened on September 10, 2004, and named the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards was the recipient of the State's highest civilian honor, the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, and numerous other awards; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards received honorary degrees from Sacred Heart College and Belmont Abbey College and was presented with an Outstanding Leadership Award from Bennett College; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards set an example for all of us through her unflinching compassion for and commitment to all people; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards delighted members of all generations with her wit and charm; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards was respected and admired by all of those who knew her and had the privilege to work with her; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards died on June 11, 2004, at the age of 75; and

Whereas, Kathleen Bryan Edwards is survived by eight children: Laura deBoisfeuillet Edwards, Susan Jarrell Edwards, Mary Price Taylor Harrison, Melanie Ann Taylor, John Guest Taylor, Kathleen Clay Taylor, Joseph McKinley Bryan Taylor, and Ray Howard Taylor III and 11 grandchildren; Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses high regard for the life and accomplishments of Kathleen Bryan Edwards and mourns the loss of one of the State's most gifted, beloved, and respected citizens.

**SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Kathleen Bryan Edwards.

**SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2004.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives