

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR85253-LG-158A (4/20)

Sponsors: Senator Dorsett.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF VERNON MALONE,
2 STATE SENATOR.

3 Whereas, Vernon Malone was born on December 20, 1931, near Wake Forest,
4 North Carolina, to John Malone and Nonnie Donaldson Malone; and

5 Whereas, after graduating from Dubois High School, Vernon Malone spent two
6 years in the United States Army; and

7 Whereas, Vernon Malone earned a bachelor's degree from Shaw University in 1957
8 and furthered his education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the
9 University of Minnesota; and

10 Whereas, Vernon Malone served as a teacher at Washington Elementary School and
11 later as a teacher and administrator at Governor Morehead School in Raleigh for over 34 years,
12 teaching math and science from 1957 to 1968 and serving as Superintendent from 1986 until
13 his retirement in 1991; and

14 Whereas, Vernon Malone was appointed to the Raleigh Parks and Recreation
15 Advisory Council in 1968 and later appointed to the Raleigh City School Board in 1972, where
16 he provided invaluable leadership with the successful merger of the city and county school
17 systems; and

18 Whereas, Vernon Malone served as vice-chair of the Interim Wake Board of
19 Education in 1975 and was named Chair of the new Wake County Board of Education in 1976;
20 and

21 Whereas, Vernon Malone was elected to the Wake County Board of Commissioners
22 in 1984 and served until 2002, during which time he was Chair from 1990 to 1994 and from
23 1998 to 1999; and

24 Whereas, Vernon Malone served with honor and distinction as a member of the
25 North Carolina Senate during the 2003, 2005, 2007, and 2009 sessions of the General
26 Assembly, where he served on many committees and provided leadership as Cochair of the
27 Appropriations Committee on Education/Higher Education and the Committee of
28 Education/Higher Education; and

29 Whereas, Vernon Malone worked for the betterment of his community, serving as
30 Chair of the Wake County Economic Development Commission; Chair of the Wake County
31 Coalition for the Homeless; a member of the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Museum
32 of Natural Sciences; a member of the Board of Directors of Wake Medical Center, Wake
33 County Opportunities Board, Wake County Salvation Army, and the New Bern Avenue Day
34 Care Center; a member of the United Way Campaign, Greater Triangle Regional Council, and
35 Wake Coalition 2000; and as a delegate to the Triangle J Council of Governments; and

36 Whereas, Vernon Malone maintained a lifelong commitment to education, serving
37 as vice-chair of the Board of Trustees at Shaw University, Chair of North Carolina Public



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1 School Administrators' Task Force, a member of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina State
2 University and Cities in Schools, and as a member of the Wake Education Partnership and
3 Wake County Dropout Advisory Council; and

4 Whereas, Vernon Malone was active in several fraternal organizations, serving as
5 President of the Raleigh/Wake Shaw University Alumni Association and as a member of Alpha
6 Phi Alpha Fraternity; and

7 Whereas, Vernon Malone was an active member of the Martin Street Baptist Church
8 in Raleigh, where he served on the Board of Deacons and Laymen's League; and

9 Whereas, Vernon Malone was recognized for his good deeds and was awarded the
10 Presidential Scroll Award from St. Augustine's College, Outstanding Service Award from the
11 Garner YMCA, the Henry Martin Tupper Humanitarian Service Award from Shaw University,
12 and the Political Service Award from the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association; and

13 Whereas, Vernon Malone was married to the late Susan Caldwell, who was also a
14 former educator; and

15 Whereas, Vernon Malone died on April 18, 2009, at the age of 77; and

16 Whereas, Vernon Malone is survived by two sons, Vernon Roderick Malone and
17 Barry Fitzgerald Malone; a daughter, Susan LaVerne Malone Battle; a sister, Bessye Burwell;
18 and three grandchildren, Jonathan Battle, Sydney Battle, and Susan Battle; Now, therefore,
19 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

20 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life of Vernon Malone and
21 expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered his
22 community, State, and nation.

23 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
24 Vernon Malone for the loss of a beloved family member.

25 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
26 resolution to the family of Vernon Malone.

27 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.