

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 2016-12
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 893

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HENSON PERRYMOORE BARNES, FORMER PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was born on November 18, 1934, in Bladen County to Reverend Lalon L. Barnes and Mable Cumbee Barnes; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was educated at Garland High School, Wilmington College, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1959 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1961; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes proudly served his country in the United States Army as a paratrooper from 1953 to 1956 and, for his distinguished service, received citations and letters of commendation from battalion, regimental, and divisional Commands; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was a successful attorney and farmer; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was a founding member of the Goldsboro law firm of Barnes, Braswell, Haithcock and Warren, now known as Haithcock, Barfield, Hulse and Kinsey; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes served on the North Carolina Energy Policy Council and the North Carolina Courts Commission, was active in many community, civic, and fraternal organizations, including the Masonic Order, Shriners, Elks, American Legion, Moose Lodge, Civitan Club, and was President of the Goldsboro Jaycees, National Trustee of Woodmen of the World, and Legal Advisor to the Goldsboro Rescue Squad; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was active in professional and agricultural organizations, serving as a member of the Wayne County Bar Association, the North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, the American Bar Association, and serving on the Board of Governors of the North Carolina Bar Association, Board of Directors of the North Carolina Blueberry Association, and Board of Directors of the North Carolina Grape Growers Association; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes served with honor and distinction as a member of the General Assembly in the House of Representatives from 1975 to 1976 and in the Senate from 1977 to 1992; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Henson P. Barnes focused on such issues relating to the environment, education, and transportation and chaired numerous committees; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes earned the respect and admiration of fellow members of the General Assembly, who elected him as President Pro Tempore of the Senate from 1988 to 1992; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from William Carter College in 1979; Legislative Award for Excellence from the Governor's Crime Commission in 1983; Outstanding Legislator from the North Carolina Parks Association in 1985; Woodmen of the World, "Man of the Year," in 1985; United States Great American Family of the Year Award, presented by Nancy Reagan at the White House in 1985; National Environmental Award, "Take Pride in America," presented by President Ronald Reagan at the White House in 1987; Legislator Award for Contribution to Trails from the North Carolina Trails Association in 1987; and Legislator of the Year from the North Carolina School Counselor Association in 1990; and



Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was a member of the First Baptist Church in Goldsboro, where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and member of the Budget and Finance Board; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes was predeceased by his wife, Mary Catherine Allen Barnes; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes died on November 22, 2015, at the age of 81; and

Whereas, Henson P. Barnes is survived by his daughters, Rebecca B. Kinsey and Amy B. Patrick; and three grandchildren, John Kinsey, III, Jonathan Babb, Jr., and Brooke Babb; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of Henson Perrymore Barnes and expresses its appreciation for his accomplishments and the distinguished service he rendered Wayne and Greene Counties, the State of North Carolina, and the nation.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Henson Perrymore Barnes for the loss of a beloved family member and friend.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Henson Perrymore Barnes.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 15th day of June, 2016.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives