A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF MISS GERTRUDE WEIL.

Be It Known That:

Miss Gertrude Weil gave generously of herself and her possessions in an effort to provide a better life for the people of North Carolina. A noted and sincere philanthropist, she worked for the cause of social welfare and human dignity. Throughout her long life, she modestly avoided public recognition of the distinguished service she rendered. Therefore, it is fitting that at her death we stop and pay tribute to her.

Miss Weil died in her home in Goldsboro, North Carolina on May 30, 1971, at the age of 91 ending a life of simple greatness and generosity.

The daughter of Henry Weil and Mina Rosenthal Weil, she was the first woman from North Carolina to graduate from Smith College in 1901. She was always devoted to the advancement of womanhood, and was active in the women's suffrage movement in North Carolina. Miss Weil helped organize the North Carolina League of Women Voters and was its first president. She also untiringly served in many capacities in the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

In 1964 Smith College gave its first Smith Medal to Miss Weil "for a lifetime of service to the cultural, charitable, religious and political welfare of the State."

She worked unselfishly on the North Carolina Conference for Social Service and helped provide better health care and education for children. Her active interest in young people also led her to support the Boys Clubs, and to help organize the Girl Scouts in Goldsboro.

Miss Weil was deeply involved in the cause of justice and equality for all people. The Dillard High School Alumni Association presented her a citizenship award "in recognition of her consistency and faithfulness to all humanity."

A great North Carolinian has passed but her spirit and great moral influence upon the people of the community and State she loved so dearly have not. There was no hour down to the end that she would not turn aside to speak a gentle word, do a simple but kind deed, right a wrong, extend help to the needy, or preach the doctrine of Americanism, of citizenship, of the principles and the faith upon which American government rests and which all true Americans should wear in their heart of hearts.

Gertrude Weil has left a great legacy. We are thankful to God for it and pray that we shall be worthy heirs.

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

Section 1. That in the death of Miss Gertrude Weil the State of North Carolina has lost one of its most loyal, generous and responsible citizens.

Sec. 2. That the General Assembly of North Carolina does hereby express its highest appreciation of her as a dedicated humanitarian, who continuously strove to improve the economic and cultural opportunities for the people of our State.

Sec. 3. That the General Assembly extends its heartfelt sympathies to Miss Weil's sister, Mrs. Herbert Bluethenthal of Wilmington, and that a copy of this resolution, duly
certified by the Secretary of State, shall be sent to Mrs. Bluethenthal and also Mr. Abram Weil of Goldsboro, who was her devoted nephew.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 5th day of July, 1971.