

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

RESOLUTION 1981-45  
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 684

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING FREDERICK DOUGLAS ALEXANDER, A  
FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander was born in Charlotte, North Carolina on February 21, 1910, and died on April 3, 1980; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander attended the elementary and secondary schools of the Charlotte School System, and received his bachelor's degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania in 1931, and received honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Johnson C. Smith University and from Teamer School of Religion; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander attacked and challenged discriminatory local political practices, and led Negroes, as delegates, into the Mecklenburg County Democratic Convention; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander was the first Negro elected to the Charlotte City Council in the twentieth century, serving five terms, including one as Mayor Pro-Tem; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander introduced the first anti-discrimination ordinance before the Charlotte City Council; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander was elected to the North Carolina State Senate in November of 1974, representing Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties, and was one of the first two Negroes elected to the State Senate in the twentieth century, and was reelected in 1976 and 1978, and served until the day of his death; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander served as Chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice and Corrections Committee; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander was a life member of the NAACP, and was a thirty-third degree Mason and a member of many other fraternal orders; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander was a charter member of the University Park Baptist Church, serving on its Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander served on the Board of Directors of Johnson C. Smith University and the Charlotte Board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company; and

Whereas, Frederick Douglas Alexander was quiet in manner, profound in thought, pleasant in appearance, and forceful in action; and

Whereas, throughout his adult life, Frederick Douglas Alexander was active in the religious, fraternal, civic, political, and educational affairs of the Charlotte community, with a special concern for fairness and justice in Charlotte, and across the State and Nation;

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

**Section 1.** The North Carolina General Assembly expresses its high regard for the life and service of Frederick Douglas Alexander and mourns the loss of such an able and devoted public servant.

**Sec. 2.** The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Frederick Douglas Alexander.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 26th day of June,  
1981.