

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2003**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 392**

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Sponsors: Representatives Holmes; Alexander, Goodwin, and Weiss.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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March 11, 2003

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF J. FRANK  
2 BRYANT, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, J. Frank Bryant was born in Yadkin County on August 17, 1927, to  
4 Julius Frank Bryant and Dixie Miller Bryant; and

5 Whereas, Frank Bryant attended Wake Forest University, where he was a  
6 member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; and

7 Whereas, Frank Bryant was a retired dairy and tobacco farmer who was  
8 active in his rural community and State affairs; and

9 Whereas, Frank Bryant served with honor and distinction in the House of  
10 Representatives during the 1959 Session of the General Assembly; and

11 Whereas, Frank Bryant was just one of two Democrats from Yadkin County  
12 to serve in the General Assembly in the last 40 years; and

13 Whereas, Frank Bryant's influence went well beyond the political arena,  
14 making his largest imprint on the area years after he left the State legislature; and

15 Whereas, Frank Bryant was well-known in the business world, serving on  
16 State and national business advisory boards; and

17 Whereas, Frank Bryant was a member of the Board of Directors of the North  
18 Carolina Farm Bureau for over 25 years, serving several years as vice-president; was a  
19 founding member of the Board of Directors of the Carolina-Virginia Milk Producers  
20 Association; served on the Board of Directors of the Tobacco Stabilization and Tobacco  
21 Associates; served as vice-president of the North Carolina Agribusiness Council, as  
22 president of the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation at North Carolina State  
23 University, as president and chair of the Board of Directors of the Northwest North  
24 Carolina Development Association; and was a member of the Dixie Classic Fair  
25 Commission and the Memorial Coliseum Commission in Winston-Salem; and

26 Whereas, Frank Bryant served as an advisor to the United States Department  
27 of Agriculture, as supervisor of the Winston-Salem Tobacco Market, and as chair of the  
28 Federal Industrywide Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee; and

1           Whereas, Frank Bryant was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served  
2 in the United States Army, and was a member of the Boonville United Methodist  
3 Church; and

4           Whereas, Frank Bryant was selected as "Tarheel of the Week" by The  
5 Raleigh News and Observer; and

6           Whereas, Frank Bryant passed away in 2002, leaving to cherish his memory,  
7 his wife, Juanita Martin Bryant; a son, Steve and wife Dawn Bryant; a daughter, Debra  
8 Bryant; a son, Jay and wife Denita Bryant; and grandchildren, Katie, Kelly, George, and  
9 Claire Byrant, and Kori Reece; and

10          Whereas, in an era when many Americans are disillusioned with their public  
11 servants, Frank Bryant was a shining example of someone who could make a difference;  
12 and

13          Whereas, the citizens of this State should build on Frank Bryant's legacy and  
14 find others to follow in his footsteps; Now, therefore,

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

16          **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly recognizes the life and legacy of a  
17 distinguished public servant, J. Frank Bryant, and commends his life and  
18 accomplishments to the citizens of North Carolina.

19          **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the  
20 family of J. Frank Bryant for the loss of a beloved family member.

21          **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
22 resolution to the family of J. Frank Bryant.

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