

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2003-19**  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1023**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF EDWARD NELSON WARREN, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Edward "Ed" Nelson Warren was born in the Stokes community of Pitt County on November 29, 1926, to Elmer Edward Warren and Daisy Cox Warren; and

Whereas, Ed Warren obtained his undergraduate education from Campbell University and Atlantic Christian College, received a masters degree at East Carolina University, and furthered his education at Duke University; and

Whereas, Ed Warren was employed with the Pitt County School System for 20 years, serving as a science teacher, coach, and principal for a number of schools; and

Whereas, Ed Warren was also a tobacco farmer, warehouse owner, and real estate investor; and

Whereas, Ed Warren served as a member of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners from 1974 to 1980, serving as chair from 1979 to 1980; and

Whereas, Ed Warren served with honor and distinction as a member of the General Assembly, serving five terms in the House of Representatives from 1981 through 1990 and six terms in the Senate from 1991 through 2002; and

Whereas, Ed Warren made significant contributions as a legislator, including serving as Chair of the Appropriations Committee on General Government and Chair of the Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Task Force of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Ed Warren was active in the civic affairs of his community, serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Pitt County Memorial Hospital, the Pitt County Board of Health, the Board of Directors of the Greenville Chamber of Commerce, and the Pitt County Heart Association, and as a member of the Pitt County Airport Authority and the Board of Directors of Branch Banking & Trust Company; and

Whereas, Ed Warren was also active in the United Way, Salvation Army, and Greenville Rotary Club; and

Whereas, Ed Warren was named Pitt County Citizen of the Year in 1987 and was awarded the East Carolina University Alumni of the Year Award, the Award for Outstanding Support of Education by the North Carolina Education Association, the Distinguished Service Award in Recognition of Meritorious Service to Mental Health, and an honorary doctorate degree from East Carolina University; and

Whereas, Ed Warren was honored for his commitment and dedication to health care and education by the Board of Trustees at East Carolina University, which named its new life sciences building at the School of Medicine as the Edward Nelson Warren Life Sciences Building, and also recognized by Pitt Community College, which named its student center as the Ed and Joan Warren Student Center; and

Whereas, Ed Warren proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force from 1945 to 1948; and

Whereas, Ed Warren was a member of the First Christian Church, where he served as a deacon and member of the finance committee; and

Whereas, Ed Warren was married to the late Joan Braswell Warren for 49 years; and

Whereas, Ed Warren died on April 24, 2003; and

Whereas, Ed Warren is survived by two brothers, Donald Warren and Clifton Warren, and a sister, Sherry Warren Clark; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation for the life and accomplishments of Edward Nelson Warren and for the great service he rendered to his nation, State, and community.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Edward Nelson Warren for the loss of a beloved family member.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Edward Nelson Warren.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Richard T. Morgan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives