

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 12
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 664

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RUSSELL ATKINSON SWINDELL, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell was born in Swan Quarter, North Carolina, on May 14, 1916, to John Harold Swindell, Sr. and Mary Atkinson Swindell; and

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell graduated from Swan Quarter High School in 1935, and from Louisburg College in 1938; and

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army; and

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell found a rewarding vocation in farming and was active in farming issues, serving as President of the Hyde County USDA and of the Hyde County Farm Bureau; and

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell had great effect in his community, serving as a Mason, a charter member and president of the Hyde County Lions Club, as chaplain of the American Legion, and as Chair of the Hyde County Polio Foundation; and

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell served with honor and distinction as a member of the General Assembly in the House of Representatives during the 1951, 1953, and 1955 Sessions; and

Whereas, after his service with the General Assembly, Russell Atkinson Swindell worked for the Department of Education, where he helped set up the State's community college system; and

Whereas, later, Russell Atkinson Swindell served as executive director of the North Carolina Railroad Association; and

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell became a successful lobbyist, working on behalf of numerous trade associations and organizations and serving as a mentor to other lobbyists; and

Whereas, in 1982, Russell Atkinson Swindell was named Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year by the Town of Cary; and

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell was active in the First United Methodist Church in Cary; and

Whereas, Russell Atkinson Swindell died on March 3, 1997, after a lifetime of unselfish and distinguished service to his community and State, and leaves to mourn his wife, Martha Easterling Swindell; his daughters, Sue Martin and Mary-Anne Brannon; his son, A. B. Swindell; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two godchildren;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation for the life and the accomplishments of Russell Atkinson Swindell and for the great service he rendered to the nation, the State of North Carolina, and his community.

Section 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Russell Atkinson Swindell for the loss of its distinguished member.

Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Russell Atkinson Swindell.

1997. Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 20th day of May,

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives