

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1462

Sponsors: Representative Barefoot.

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

July 19, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DAVID
2 WEBSTER BUMGARDNER, JR., A FORMER MEMBER OF THE NORTH
3 CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was born on November 2, 1921, in
5 Belmont, North Carolina, to David W. Bumgardner, Sr. and Winnifred Ballard
6 Bumgardner; and

7 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. attended the public schools of Belmont
8 and graduated from Belmont Abbey College and Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary
9 Science; and

10 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. gallantly served in the United States
11 Army during World War II, seeing action in Italy and North Africa; and

12 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. retired as Lieutenant Colonel in the
13 North Carolina National Guard and served as the first commanding officer of the
14 National Guard when it was organized in Belmont; and

15 Whereas, at his death, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was retired from funeral
16 service as owner and operator of Bumgardner Funeral Home in Belmont; and

17 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was a highly respected leader in his
18 profession, having served as the president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors
19 Association; and

20 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was deeply interested and involved in
21 the political affairs of North Carolina throughout his life, serving with distinction for 11
22 terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives, representing Gaston and Lincoln
23 Counties from 1967 to 1988; and

24 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, David W. Bumgardner,
25 Jr. rendered invaluable service as chairman of the Transportation Committee and the
26 Public Utilities Committee; and

27 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. served the State on many boards and
28 commissions including the Commission for the Study of Local and Ad Valorem Tax

1 Structure in 1970, the Governmental Evaluation Commission from 1977 to 1981, and
2 the North Carolina Board of Transportation from 1977 to 1982; and

3 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was a tireless volunteer in many civic,
4 cultural, and charitable causes including the Belmont Kiwanis Club (past President and
5 District Lieutenant Governor), the Masons, the Shriners, American Legion Post 144
6 (past Commander), and V.F.W. Post 5483 (past Commander); and

7 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. received many awards for his lifetime of
8 selfless service: the first honorary membership in the North Carolina Funeral Directors
9 Association; the George F. Hixson Fellowship of Kiwanis International; the Community
10 Service Award of the American Legion; the Belmont Man of the Year Award; and the
11 Distinguished Service Award, Gupton-Jones College of Mortuary Science; and

12 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was a longtime member of First Baptist
13 Church of Lincolnton where he served as Deacon, Parliamentarian, Sunday School
14 Superintendent, and Trustee; and

15 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. died on June 21, 2001; and

16 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. was a devoted husband to his beloved
17 wife of 53 years, Sara Margaret Jones Bumgardner; a loving father to his two daughters,
18 Sharon and Mary Jo, and a doting grandfather and great-grandfather; and

19 Whereas, David W. Bumgardner, Jr. will be remembered for his myriad
20 contributions to the State of North Carolina and her people; and

21 Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to show its appreciation for his life
22 and accomplishments and to extend its sincere sympathy to his family; Now, therefore,
23 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

24 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly expresses high esteem and regard for
25 the extraordinary life and service of David Webster Bumgardner, Jr. and mourns the
26 loss of one of North Carolina's most distinguished native sons.

27 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sincere sympathy to the
28 family of David Webster Bumgardner, Jr. on the loss of a beloved husband, father,
29 grandfather, and friend.

30 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
31 resolution to the family of David Webster Bumgardner, Jr.

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