

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1463

Sponsors: Representatives Goodwin; Alexander, Allen, Arnold, Baddour, Barefoot, Barnhart, Bell, Blust, Bonner, Boyd-McIntyre, Carpenter, Church, Cox, J. Crawford, Culpepper, Daughtry, Dedmon, Earle, Edwards, Gibson, Gray, Gulley, Haire, Hall, Hensley, Hill, Hilton, Howard, Hurley, Insko, Jarrell, Jeffus, Johnson, Lucas, Luebke, McLawhorn, Nesbitt, Nye, Owens, Redwine, Rogers, Russell, Saunders, Smith, Teague, Tolson, Underhill, Wainwright, Walker, Warner, Warwick, Weatherly, West, Wright, and Yongue.

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

July 30, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOSEPH
2 WAYNE GRIMSLEY, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AND FORMER
3 PRESIDENT OF RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE.

4 Whereas, Joseph Wayne Grimsley was born on February 4, 1936, in
5 Stantonsburg, North Carolina, to J. J. Grimsley and Flora Hardison Grimsley; and

6 Whereas, upon graduation from Stantonsburg High School in 1954, Joseph
7 Wayne Grimsley enlisted in the United States Army where he served until 1957; and

8 Whereas, after his service in the army, Joseph Wayne Grimsley enrolled at
9 the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received a bachelors degree in
10 1961; and

11 Whereas, continuing his education, Joseph Wayne Grimsley attended the
12 Universidad De Los Andes, Bogotá, Columbia, South America as a Fulbright Scholar
13 from 1961 to 1962 and received a masters degree from George Washington University
14 in 1964; and

15 Whereas, from 1963 to 1967, Joseph Wayne Grimsley held various positions
16 in the Peace Corps in Washington, D. C. and Honduras; and

17 Whereas, Joseph Wayne Grimsley rendered valuable service to the State of
18 North Carolina, working for the Coastal Plains Regional Commission from 1968 to
19 1971, and serving as Assistant Secretary of the Department of Administration from
20 1972 to 1974, as Secretary of the Department of Administration from 1977 to 1981, and
21 as Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development
22 from 1981 to 1984; and

1 Whereas, in 1985, Joseph Wayne Grimsley became the President of
2 Richmond Community College where he served for 16 years; and

3 Whereas, under Joseph Wayne Grimsley's leadership, many improvements
4 were made at Richmond Community College, including construction of a learning
5 resources center, which houses a library, study center, and television studio; a computer
6 center, which houses computer labs with Internet access, an electronics lab, and
7 administrative offices; and Cole Auditorium, a 1,000-seat auditorium complex; and

8 Whereas, Joseph Wayne Grimsley helped develop the Tech Prep curriculum
9 which brought about an alliance between colleges and public schools to encourage
10 students to extend their education beyond high school; and

11 Whereas, Joseph Wayne Grimsley lent his support to the conversion of all the
12 technical institutes to community college status and served as the State campaign
13 director for the Unified Bonds campaign, the Schools and Roads Bonds campaign, and
14 the Community Colleges and University Bonds campaign; and

15 Whereas, a lifelong Democrat, Joseph Wayne Grimsley was active in the
16 political affairs of the State, serving as campaign director of the James B. Hunt for
17 Lieutenant Governor Campaign in 1972, as a Special Assistant to Lieutenant Governor
18 James B. Hunt from 1974 to 1976, as campaign manager for the James B. Hunt for
19 Governor Committee in 1976, the Governor James B. Hunt Reelection Committee from
20 1979 to 1980, and the James B. Hunt Committee for United States Senate in 1984; and

21 Whereas, Joseph Wayne Grimsley served on many State, regional, and local
22 boards and organizations, including the Sedimentation Control Commission, the Waste
23 Management Board, the Environmental Education Fund, the Richmond County
24 Partnership for Children, the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, the
25 North Carolina Tech Prep Advisory Committee, Common Cause, and the North
26 Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities; and

27 Whereas, Joseph Wayne Grimsley died on July 13, 2001; and

28 Whereas, Joseph Wayne Grimsley was a devoted husband to his beloved
29 wife, Marcia Coates Grimsley; a loving father to his children and stepchildren, Joseph
30 Wayne Grimsley Jr., Julie Ann Grimsley Perry, Mary Christina Grimsley Waller, David
31 Ashford, and Hannah Ashford; and a doting grandfather to his five grandchildren; Now,
32 therefore,

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

34 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Joseph Wayne
35 Grimsley and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the valuable
36 service he rendered.

37 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sincere sympathy to the
38 family of Joseph Wayne Grimsley on the loss of a beloved family member.

39 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
40 resolution to the family of Joseph Wayne Grimsley.

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