

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1300**

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Sponsors:     Senator Soles.

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Referred to:   Rules and Operations of the Senate.

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May 20, 2010

1   A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ARTHUR W.  
2       WILLIAMSON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson was born on November 6, 1911, in Cerro Gordo,  
4   North Carolina, to Marshall E. Williamson and Annie Belle Green Williamson; and

5       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson attended Cerro Gordo High School and Wake  
6   Forest College; and

7       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson was a farmer and fertilizer dealer in Columbus  
8   County; and

9       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson served as a member of the Columbus County  
10   Board of Health from 1944 to 1947 and the Columbus County Board of Welfare from 1940 to  
11   1950, and served as chair of the Columbus County Board of Education from 1953 to 1954; and

12       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson donated land to many organizations in the Cerro  
13   Gordo area, including the Cerro Gordo Fire Department, Legionnaires Building, Cerro Gordo  
14   Baptist Church, Cerro Gordo Methodist Church and the Church's parsonage, and the  
15   Southeastern Community College, which received a generous donation of over 100 acres; and

16       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson served as District Supervisor of the United States  
17   Census, 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in 1950; and

18       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson served with honor and distinction in the General  
19   Assembly, serving as a Senator in 1955, 1959, and 1973, and as a Representative in 1961,  
20   1963, 1965, and 1969; and

21       Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Arthur W. Williamson played  
22   a vital role in the development of North Carolina's Community College System; and

23       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson served on the North Carolina Board of  
24   Transportation from 1977 to 1981; and

25       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson was admired and respected by those who knew  
26   him, as well as those whom he served; and

27       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson died on July 31, 1999; and

28       Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson is survived by his wife, Catherine Price  
29   Williamson; a son, A. W. "Buddy" Williamson Jr.; four daughters, Betty W. Welch, Margaret  
30   W. Godwin, Jean Arthur Hammond, and Sarah W. Purvis; two stepsons, Tom Rothrock and  
31   Ken Rothrock; two stepdaughters, Catherine R. Nichols and Carey Redmond; 19 grandchildren,  
32   22 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

34       **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Arthur W.  
35   Williamson and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he  
36   rendered.



- 1           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its sympathy to the family of
- 2 Arthur W. Williamson for the loss of a beloved family member.
- 3           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to
- 4 the family of Arthur W. Williamson.
- 5           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.