

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 825*

Sponsors: Senators deViere, Blue, and Clark (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 21, 2020

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ANTHONY EDEN
2 "TONY" RAND, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Anthony Eden "Tony" Rand was born on September 1, 1939, in Garner,
4 North Carolina to Walter Rand, Jr., and Geneva Yeargan Rand; and

5 Whereas, Tony Rand graduated from Garner High School in 1957, then enrolled at
6 the University of North Carolina, earning a BA degree in political science in 1961 and a JD
7 degree in 1964; and

8 Whereas, Tony Rand had a distinguished career as a lawyer, practicing for over 55
9 years, first in Washington, D.C., and then in Raleigh before settling in Fayetteville in 1968; and

10 Whereas, Tony Rand was an active member of his community, serving on numerous
11 boards and commissions, helping to build the Homeboys Condominiums, and supporting Fort
12 Bragg; and

13 Whereas, Tony Rand served as consultant for Sonorex, Inc., and as in-house counsel
14 to Lithotripters, Inc., a Fayetteville health care company that brought cutting-edge kidney stone
15 treatment to the Southeast; and

16 Whereas, Tony Rand was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to a vacancy in the North
17 Carolina Senate in 1981 and he went on to serve more than 11 terms in the Senate from
18 1981-1988 and 1995-2009; and

19 Whereas, during his tenure in the Senate, Tony Rand served as Majority Leader from
20 1987 to 1988 and 2001 to 2009; Chair of Rules and Operations of the Senate; Co-Chair of the
21 Select Committee on Government and Election Reform; Vice-Chair of Commerce, Small
22 Business and Entrepreneurship; and as a member of numerous committees, including
23 Appropriations/Base Budget; Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety; Education/Higher
24 Education; Finance; Health Care; Judiciary I; and the Joint Select Committee on Emergency
25 Preparedness and Disaster Management Recovery; and

26 Whereas, Tony Rand focused on issues that benefited the State of North Carolina,
27 particularly public education and economic development, and legislation that helped the City of
28 Fayetteville, the University of North Carolina system, and the Law School at the University of
29 North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

30 Whereas, during floor debates, Tony Rand was often awarded the "Oxmeter," which
31 was given to a Senator who had become "intoxicated with the exuberance of their own verbosity";
32 and

33 Whereas, Tony Rand resigned from the General Assembly in 2009 and became Chair
34 of the North Carolina Parole and Post-Release Supervision Commission, serving in that position
35 until 2014; and

36 Whereas, Tony Rand then served a term as an Associate Vice President at Fayetteville
37 Technical Community College, where he coordinated the college's workforce development
38 program; and



1 Whereas, Tony Rand also spent several years as a member and Chair of the North
2 Carolina Lottery Commission; and

3 Whereas, Tony Rand made Blowing Rock his second home, becoming a member of
4 the Blowing Rock Civic Association and Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce; and

5 Whereas, Tony Rand loved his alma mater and was an ardent supporter of his
6 fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega, and the athletic teams at the University of North Carolina at Chapel
7 Hill. He served as President and Treasurer of the University's General Alumni Association and
8 established, along with his brother, Walter Rand, a professorship at the University's Law School
9 in his mother's name; and

10 Whereas, Tony Rand was awarded the William Richardson Davie Award from the
11 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in recognition of extraordinary service and the
12 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University's Law School. He also received an Honorary
13 Doctor of Laws Degree from Fayetteville State University in 2000, Honorary Doctor of Laws
14 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2008, and Honorary Doctor of
15 Humanities from Methodist University in 2008; and

16 Whereas, Tony Rand died on May 1, 2020, at the age of 80, after a long and
17 distinguished career as a public servant and lawyer; and

18 Whereas, Tony Rand was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Walter Rand III;
19 his sister, Mary Parker Rand; and his sister, Rhea Rand, who died in infancy; and

20 Whereas, Tony Rand is survived by his wife, Karen Skarda Rand; his children, Ripley
21 Rand and Craven Rand; his grandchildren, Greene Rand and Arden Rand; and his sister,
22 Josephine Rand; and

23 Whereas, all who knew Tony Rand will miss his great sense of humor, sharp legal
24 mind, and devotion to North Carolina; Now, therefore,

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

26 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Anthony Eden "Tony"
27 Rand and expresses its appreciation for his achievements as a former member of the Senate and
28 as a leader and citizen of this State.

29 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
30 Anthony Eden "Tony" Rand for the loss of a distinguished family member.

31 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
32 to the family of Anthony Eden "Tony" Rand.

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