

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 21
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1257

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HERBERT W. SAMPSEL.

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel was born in Middleburg, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1916, the son of Harry Edwin and Laura Shambach Sampsel; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel graduated from Middleburg High School in Pennsylvania and from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel served in the United States Army during World War II; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel joined the faculty of Statesville High School in the late 1940s and taught business, typing, and vocational courses until his retirement in 1981; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel coached the Statesville High School girls' varsity basketball team for 34 years and led the Lady Greyhounds to an overall record of 580 wins and 102 losses; and

Whereas, during Herbert W. Sampsel's years as coach, the girls' basketball team won 22 regular season regional championships and 13 tournament titles; and

Whereas, in the last season that Herbert W. Sampsel coached, the Lady Greyhounds finished with a record of 25 wins and four losses and advanced to the final round of the State championship; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel was considered one of the finest high school girls' coaches in the nation; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel also coached the girls' junior varsity basketball team for seven seasons and the boys' varsity baseball team for more than 20 years; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel coached American League and Babe Ruth League baseball as well; and

Whereas, when Herbert W. Sampsel retired at the end of the 1980-81 school year, he stated that he had never had a player that he did not have special feelings for; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel was more than a coach and teacher, he was considered a legend in his own time and he shaped athletes, students, and young leaders through his many years of service; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel was an active member of the Calvary Community Church in Statesville; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel died December 15, 1981, leaving his wife, Arbo Gast Sampsel, and five children, Harry Eugene Sampsel of Long Island, New York, Roger Daniel Sampsel of Denver, Colorado, Rebecca Sampsel Hendricks of Statesville, and Herbert William Sampsel, Jr., and Mark James Sampsel, both of the home; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel was known for his honesty, acceptance of others, fairness, and example of Christian living; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel was a devoted family man and a true Christian; and

Whereas, Herbert W. Sampsel will always be remembered for his service and commitment to the students of Statesville High School and the people of Statesville; and

Whereas, The General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Herbert W. Sampsel and express its sympathy to his widow and children;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of Herbert W. Sampsel and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of the people of the City of Statesville and of this State for his life and service to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly expresses its deep sorrow to the family and friends of Herbert W. Sampsel for the loss of a beloved husband and father and a true friend.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Herbert W. Sampsel.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 14th day of June, 1985.