

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 25
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 342

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CLYDE NOLAN, "MR. DEMOCRAT".

Whereas, Clyde Nolan was born in Cleveland County in 1896, the son of John Beam and Della McBrayer Nolan; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan and his siblings ran the family farm while their father worked as a school teacher and mail carrier; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan was known as "Mr. Democrat" because of his life-long service to the Democratic Party; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan's loyalty to the Democratic Party was based on his dedication to the democratic ideal; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan served one term as State Senator in 1951-52; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan served as local campaign manager for numerous candidates including Sam Ervin and B. Everette Jordan; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan was party precinct chairman for Shelby for 47 years; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan's service to the Democratic Party also included acting as county party chairman, three-time delegate to the national convention, and member of the State Democratic Party executive committee; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan also served the party each year by selling the most tickets to the two major party fund raisers: the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, traditionally held in Raleigh in the spring, and the Vance-Aycock Day Dinner, traditionally held in Asheville in the fall; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan's style of politicking was personal contact; he was friendly, energetic, and compassionate; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan went into the land business with his father in Shelby in 1924 and was a realtor and owner of J. P. Nolan Co. until his death; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan was a member of Shelby's First Baptist Church, the Shelby Kiwanis Club, and was a charter member of the Shelby Board of Realtors; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan died April 4, 1985, leaving his wife, Flora Pettit Nolan of Shelby, and his son, Dr. Clyde Nolan, Jr., of Greensboro; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan was a devoted family man and a true Christian; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan believed in people, in Cleveland County, in his family, and in the Democratic Party; and

Whereas, Clyde Nolan's commitment and service to the Democratic Party will never be forgotten; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Clyde Nolan and express its sympathy to his widow and son;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of Clyde Nolan and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and service to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly expresses its deep sorrow to the family and friends of Clyde Nolan 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 Clyde Nolan.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1985.