

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 16
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 181

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RUSSELL F. VAN LANDINGHAM, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham was born in Halifax County in 1911 to Thomas Henry Van Landingham and Alma Whitehead Van Landingham; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham attended public schools in Halifax County and graduated from Scotland Neck High School in 1930 and also graduated from Wake Forest College in 1936 with a law degree; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham distinguished himself as a Special Agent of the FBI, became an Administrative Assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, and later returned to Thomasville to practice law; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham was a respected businessman, started the first radio station in Thomasville, served as president and treasurer of the Thomasville Broadcasting Company, director of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company, director and president of Home Savings and Loan, chairman of the Board of Home Savings and Loan Association, and secretary and treasurer of Van Landingham Buick Oldsmobile Pontiac, Incorporated; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham was a staunch Democrat who served as a State Senator in the 1961-62 session, as Precinct Registrar and Thomasville Township Chairman, and was appointed by Governor Dan Moore as a delegate to the National Democratic Convention in 1968; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham's service to the City of Thomasville, included the Thomasville Board of Education, Thomasville City Attorney, President and "Fund Drive" Chairman of the Thomasville United Fund, President of the Rotary Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham was also President of Thomasville High School and Kern Street School PTAs, President and Director of Thomasville Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Thomasville Community Foundation; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham was appointed to Davidson County Community College Board of Directors and served on the Community General Hospital Board of Directors; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham was a member of the Memorial United Methodist Church where he was also a member of the R.L. Pope Bible Class, past Chairman of the Board of Stewards and formerly taught the Senior Young People's Class for more than 10 years; and

Whereas, Russell F. Van Landingham leaves his wife Evelyn Lyles, a daughter, Mrs. Carol V. Anthony, a son, Thomas R. Van Landingham, a sister, Mrs. Julia Wolf, and four grandchildren;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina expresses its appreciation for the life and public service of Russell F. Van Landingham, and honors his memory.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Russell F. Van Landingham for the loss of a beloved husband, father, brother, and friend.

Sec. 3. A certified copy of this resolution shall be transmitted by the Secretary of State to the family of Russell F. Van Landingham.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of April, 1987.

Robert B. Jordan III
President of the Senate

Liston B. Ramsey
Speaker of the House of Representatives