

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
1989 SESSION  
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 13  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1114

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CHARLES EDWARD "CHARLIE" JONES, SR., "MR. DEMOCRAT".

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was born on June 2, 1890, in St. Pauls; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was the third son of Charles Wesley and Mary Frances Smith Jones; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., moved to Cumberland County in 1919; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was a farmer and family man who loved his church and devoted himself to many civic and political activities; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was a member of the Camp Ground Methodist Church for 56 years and served his church in numerous capacities, including his lifetime membership in the United Methodist Men; membership on the administrative board for more than 50 years; as lay leader; as president of the men's bible class; as a delegate to the annual North Carolina Methodist Conference; as a district steward in the Fayetteville Methodist District; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was honored by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at Methodist College on his 90th birthday; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr.'s civic activities included his service as director of the Cumberland County United Fund, for the Polio Chapter, Tuberculosis Association and Red Cross; his service as president of the Cumberland County Farm Bureau; his membership in former Governor Scott's Traffic Safety Council in 1950; his appointment by President Kennedy to the Selective Service Appeal Board for eastern North Carolina; and his membership in the Seventy-First Ruritan Club; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was a lifelong worker for the Democratic Party; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was a member of the Cumberland County Democratic Executive Committee and served more than 20 years as chairman of the executive committee of Beaver Lake Precinct/Seventy-First Township; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., was better known in Fayetteville as "Mr. Democrat"; and

Whereas, shortly before his death, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., said, "If I could talk to those young Democrats one more time, I would tell them to be loyal to their party. There may be things sometimes they may not like, don't criticize, just recognize there needs to be improvement, or change, and work hard to make your party the best party. It is good to have a two-party system, so you will always be aware you have to keep the Democrats the best."; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., also loved his fellowman and said, "I believe in the dignity of mankind; that government should serve all men, not just a privileged few."; and

Whereas, Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., died on January 12, 1982;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor the life and memory of Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr., and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens, particularly of the people of Cumberland County, for his life and service to North Carolina.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Charles Edward "Charlie" Jones, Sr.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of April, 1989.

James C. Gardner  
President of the Senate

J. L. Mavretic  
Speaker of the House of Representatives