

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1179

Sponsors: Senator Brock.

Referred to: Calendar 8-11-05.

August 9, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT
2 MONROE "BOB" DAVIS, SR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL
3 ASSEMBLY.

4 Whereas, Robert Monroe "Bob" Davis, Sr., was born on February 27, 1927,
5 in the Town of China Grove to Robert Jackson Davis and Eva Mae Phillips Davis; and

6 Whereas, Bob Davis attended the China Grove public schools and earned a
7 bachelors degree from Pfeiffer College in 1947 and a law degree from Wake Forest
8 University in 1950; and

9 Whereas, Bob Davis practiced law for much of his life and was elected as
10 Rowan County Solicitor, Circuit Court Judge, and District Court Judge; and

11 Whereas, Bob Davis served his profession as a member of the North Carolina
12 State Bar, North Carolina Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association, North
13 Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, and was President of the Rowan County Bar
14 Association and the 19th District Bar Association; and

15 Whereas, Bob Davis served with honor and distinction as a member of the
16 General Assembly, serving one term in the Senate from 1983 through 1984; and

17 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Bob Davis was a
18 member of several committees, including Appropriations, Judiciary, and Local
19 Government and Regional Affairs; and

20 Whereas, Bob Davis introduced legislation that changed the laws related to
21 seat belt use, adoption, and methods of execution for capital punishment, and was
22 instrumental in getting funding for various projects, including the neonatal unit at
23 Baptist Hospital, numerous libraries, and the North Carolina Transportation Museum in
24 Spencer; and

25 Whereas, Bob Davis was a member of several civic and fraternal
26 organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Shriners, Elks, Civitans, Scottish
27 Rite, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias, and the Eureka Masonic Lodge; and

28 Whereas, Bob Davis was a loyal and devoted member of his church, First
29 Baptist Church of Salisbury, where he served as Chair of the Board of Trustees and
30 Board of Deacons, and as a Sunday schoolteacher for more than 52 years; and

1 Whereas, over a period of 13 years, Bob Davis served as a coach for Little
2 League baseball and middle and high school church league basketball teams; and

3 Whereas, Bob Davis served in World War II as a member of the United
4 States Navy and served as State Commander of the American Legion; and

5 Whereas, Bob Davis died April 2, 2005, leaving to cherish his memory his
6 wife of 52 years, Mary Anne Austin Davis; his children, Robert M. Davis, Jr., Janet
7 Anne Davis Jeter, James Austin Davis, Jonathan David Davis, and Jennifer Davis
8 Hammond; adopted son, Chris Crane; and 13 grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Robert Monroe
11 "Bob" Davis, Sr., and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered to his
12 community, Rowan County, and the State of North Carolina.

13 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the
14 family of Robert Monroe "Bob" Davis, Sr., for the loss of a beloved husband, father,
15 and grandfather.

16 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 resolution to the family of Robert Monroe "Bob" Davis, Sr.

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