

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2013**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 50\***

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Sponsors: Representatives Holloway, Stevens, and Elmore (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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February 4, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DON W. EAST,  
2 FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Don W. East was born in Pilot Mountain, North Carolina, on December  
4 26, 1944, to Ralph and Viola Hall East; and

5 Whereas, Don W. East graduated from East Surry High School in 1962 and  
6 furthered his education by taking classes at Forsyth Technical College; and

7 Whereas, Don W. East retired from the Winston-Salem Police Department in 1984  
8 after 20 years of service and owned a small farm; and

9 Whereas, Don W. East began his political career as a member of the Surry County  
10 Board of Commissioners from 1984 to 1992; and

11 Whereas, Don W. East served seven terms in the North Carolina General Assembly  
12 as a member of the Senate from 1995 to 2000 and from 2005 to 2012; and

13 Whereas, during his tenure, Senator East made significant contributions as a  
14 member of numerous committees, serving as cochair of Agriculture/Environment/Natural  
15 Resources and Appropriations on Natural and Economic Resources and as a member of  
16 Appropriations on Justice and Public Safety, Appropriations/Base Budget, Insurance, Judiciary  
17 II, Program Evaluation, State and Local Government, and Transportation; and

18 Whereas, Don W. East's community involvement included membership in the  
19 Ararat Long Hill Ruritan Club; and

20 Whereas, Don W. East died on October 22, 2012, at the age of 67; and

21 Whereas, Don W. East was married to the late Connie Needham East and is  
22 survived by his daughter Gina Southern and son-in-law Mickey Southern; two grandsons,  
23 Matthew Southern and Jacob Southern; one brother, R.J. East; and two sisters, Rachel Taylor  
24 and Shelby Tucker; Now, therefore,

25 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

26 **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina Senate honors the memory of Senator Don W.  
27 East and expresses appreciation for his life and service to the people of his community and this  
28 State.

29 **SECTION 2.** The North Carolina Senate extends its heartfelt sympathy to the  
30 family of Don W. East for the loss of a beloved family member.

31 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
32 to the family of Don W. East.

33 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

