

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

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1016**

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June 25, 2013

1    A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JAMES EDWARD  
2        RAMSEY, FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

3            Whereas, James Edward Ramsey was born in Person County on October 19, 1931,  
4 to John Talmadge Ramsey and Otey Wilkins Ramsey; and

5            Whereas, James Edward Ramsey earned both an undergraduate degree and law  
6 degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and took additional classes at the  
7 University of Hawaii in 1954; and

8            Whereas, James Edward Ramsey established a law practice in Roxboro in 1958 and  
9 continued to practice law until his death; and

10           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey was dedicated to his profession, serving as a  
11 member of the North Carolina Bar Association and the Person County Bar Association, of  
12 which he served as president from 1964 to 1966; and

13           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey served with honor and distinction in the North  
14 Carolina General Assembly for six terms in the House of Representatives between 1963 and  
15 1974, during which time he served as Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1973 to  
16 1974; and

17           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey was a member of several civic and fraternal  
18 organizations, including the Roxboro Chamber of Commerce, Roxboro Lions Club, Olive Hill  
19 Ruritan Club, Person County Wildlife Club, and the Chi Psi Social Fraternity; and

20           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey served in United States Marine Corps Reserve  
21 from 1950 to 1960, earning the rank of captain; and

22           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey was active in his church, serving as a steward,  
23 parsonage trustee, and associate lay leader; and

24           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey was recognized as the Outstanding Young Man of  
25 Person County in 1962 and was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2012; and

26           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey died Thursday, May 2, 2013, at the age of 81; and

27           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey was preceded in death by a grandchild, Erin  
28 Squires Ramsey; and

29           Whereas, James Edward Ramsey is survived by his wife, Eunice Saunders Ramsey;  
30 four children, Frank Talmadge Ramsey, Linda Hart Ramsey, David Clark Ramsey, and Carl  
31 Wilkins Ramsey; one brother, Robert T. Ramsey; and seven grandchildren, Stacy Renee  
32 Ramsey, John Thomas Ramsey, Michael James Ramsey, Lisa Hart Sanders, Alexander Harris  
33 Ramsey, Adam Saunders Ramsey, and Jordan Clark Ramsey; Now, therefore,  
34 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:



- 1           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life of James Edward Ramsey and
- 2 expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered his community, State, and nation.
- 3           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
- 4 James Edward Ramsey for the loss of a beloved family member.
- 5           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
- 6 resolution to the family of James Edward Ramsey.
- 7           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.