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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR35185-LG-75A

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Sponsors: Senator Smith (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to:

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FRANK W.  
2 BALLANCE, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., was born on a farm in Windsor, North Carolina on  
4 February 15, 1942, to Frank Winston Ballance and Alice Eason Ballance; and

5 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree from  
6 North Carolina Central University; and

7 Whereas, after law school, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., spent a year as a librarian and  
8 professor at the South Carolina State College (now South Carolina State University) before  
9 moving to Warrenton, North Carolina to practice law; and

10 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., was a member of the North Carolina General  
11 Assembly, serving two terms in the House of Representatives between 1983 and 1986 and seven  
12 terms in the Senate between 1989 and 2002; and

13 Whereas, during his tenure in the Senate, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., contributed in many  
14 capacities, including as a member of the Committees on Appropriations, Commerce, Insurance,  
15 State and Local Government, Ways and Means, as cochair of the Committees on Appropriations  
16 on Justice and Public Safety and Judiciary II, and as Deputy President Pro Tempore from 1997  
17 to 2002; and

18 Whereas, in 2003, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., began serving in Congress as a member of  
19 the United States House of Representatives, representing the 1st Congressional District and  
20 serving as a member of the Agriculture and Small Business Committees, which term he was  
21 unable to complete; and

22 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., held numerous civic and political positions,  
23 including past chair of the 1st Congressional District Democratic Party, first vice-chair of the  
24 North Carolina Democratic Party, president of the Warren County Branch of the NAACP, and a  
25 member of the Boards of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University and North Carolina Central  
26 University; and

27 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., received several awards and recognitions, including:  
28 "Lawyer of the Year" from the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers in 1996, "Friend of  
29 the Working Man" Labor Award from the AFL-CIO in 2000, and "Legislator of the Year" from  
30 the North Carolina Housing Coalition in 2001; and

31 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., served in the North Carolina National Guard in 1968  
32 and in the Reserves until 1971; and

33 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., was a member of Greenwood Baptist Church of  
34 Warrenton and served as chair of the Deacon Board; and

35 Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., died on February 22, 2019, at the age of 77; and



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1           Whereas, Frank W. Ballance, Jr., leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Bernadine  
2 Smallwood Ballance, and four children, Garey M. Ballance, Angela Ballance Mebane, Valerie  
3 Ballance Harmon, and Rhonda Yarborough; Now, therefore,  
4 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:  
5           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life of Frank W. Ballance, Jr., and  
6 expresses appreciation for the service he rendered his community, State, and nation.  
7           **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of  
8 Frank W. Ballance, Jr., for the loss of a beloved family member.  
9           **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
10 to the family of Frank W. Ballance, Jr.  
11           **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.