

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 162

Sponsors: Senators Daniel (Primary Sponsor); Brock and Randleman.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 4, 2015

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DANIEL REID
2 SIMPSON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson was born on February 20, 1927, in the Town of
4 Glen Alpine, to James Reid Simpson and Ethel Newton Simpson; and

5 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson was educated in the Glen Alpine public schools, and
6 graduated from Wake Forest University with a bachelor's degree in 1949, and a law degree in
7 1951; and

8 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson served his country as a member of the United States
9 Army from 1945 to 1946, where he was stationed in the South Pacific theater; and

10 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson practiced law for over 50 years with the firm of
11 Simpson, Aycock, Beyer, and Simpson and, during that time, was a member of good standing
12 in the Burke County Bar Association and the American Bar Association; and

13 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson showed an interest in public service throughout his
14 adult life, serving with distinction in the General Assembly as a member of the House of
15 Representatives during the 1957, 1961, and 1963 sessions, and as a member of the Senate
16 during the 1985 through 1995 sessions, where he proposed several important changes in State
17 government, including a bill that created Western Piedmont Community College; and

18 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson was elected Mayor of the Town of Glen Alpine and
19 also as an Alderman for the Town; served as the attorney for the Town of Glen Alpine, Burke
20 County, and Burke County Schools, and as a Burke County criminal court judge, and a delegate
21 to the Republican National Convention in 1968 and 1972; and

22 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson was active in the civic, fraternal, financial, and
23 social life of his community, serving as a member of the Catawba Valley Lodge No. 217 Free
24 and Accepted Masons, the Lions Club, the First Union National Bank, of which he served as
25 Director, and the Glen Alpine Recreation Foundation, which he helped establish to create
26 opportunities for local children to play organized football and baseball; and

27 Whereas, in 2007, Daniel Reid Simpson was honored by the Glen Alpine Recreation
28 Foundation when it named its athletic facilities "Simpson Field"; and

29 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church
30 in Morganton; and

31 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson died on January 24, 2015, at the age of 87; and

32 Whereas, Daniel Reid Simpson is survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary Alice
33 Leonard Simpson; daughters Ethel Barie Simpson and Mary Simpson Beyer and her husband,
34 Richard; son, James Reid Simpson II and wife, Lannie; eight grandchildren: Kate Beyer Haas
35 and husband Tyrone; Elizabeth Beyer; Caroline Beyer LaCalamito and husband Michael;
36 Daniel Reid Simpson II; Elliott Simpson Todd; James G. Simpson; Mary Helen Simpson; and



1 J. Reid Simpson III; and great-grandsons Beyer Simpson Haas and Hughes Reid Haas; and
2 brother, James Abernathy Simpson; Now, therefore,

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

4 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Daniel Reid Simpson
5 and expresses its appreciation for his service to his county, State, and nation.

6 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly of North Carolina extends its sincere
7 sympathy to the family of Daniel Reid Simpson for the loss of a beloved family member.

8 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
9 resolution to the family of Daniel Reid Simpson.

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