

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1995**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1485**

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Sponsors: Senator Horton.

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Referred to: Rules Suspended; Passed 2nd and 3rd; Sent to House.

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June 10, 1996

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF JAMES GORDON  
2 HANES, JR., FORMER STATE SENATOR AND INDUSTRIALIST.

3       Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr., a native and lifelong resident of Winston-  
4 Salem, industrialist, legislator, philanthropist, and civic leader, died on August 31, 1995,  
5 at the age of 79; and

6       Whereas, in the passing of James Gordon Hanes, Jr., North Carolina and  
7 Forsyth County lost one of its most beloved and respected citizens; and

8       Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. was born on March 3, 1916, to James  
9 Gordon and Emmie Drewry Hanes; and

10       Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. graduated from Yale University in 1937,  
11 with a Bachelor of Arts degree; and

12       Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. began working at Hanes Hosiery Mills  
13 Company, the family-owned business, in 1939; and

14       Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. worked for the company for 40 years,  
15 retiring as Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Hanes Corporation, the parent  
16 company of P.H. Hanes Knitting Company and Hanes Hosiery Mills Company; and

17       Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. served with distinction as a member of  
18 the North Carolina State Senate for two terms during the 1963 and 1965 Sessions of the  
19 General Assembly; and

20       Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, James Gordon Hanes,  
21 Jr. actively supported conservation and environmental protection issues and an increase  
22 in the minimum wage; and

1           Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. served his community, State, and country  
2 in many worthwhile capacities, devoting his time, talents, and energy on numerous  
3 boards, commissions, and committees on the local, State, and national levels; and

4           Whereas, many organizations including civic and cultural organizations, as  
5 well as underprivileged students, benefitted from James Gordon Hanes, Jr.'s great but  
6 humble philanthropy; and

7           Whereas, as a major benefactor of the North Carolina Museum of Art through  
8 his signal contributions of works of art to its galleries and also through his efforts to  
9 build the new facility for that museum, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. has graced the lives of  
10 generations yet unborn; and

11           Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. was an advocate of equal opportunity who  
12 sought to improve race relations; and

13           Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. was a devoted member of the Centenary  
14 United Methodist Church; and

15           Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. was respected, admired and loved by  
16 those who knew him and had the privilege to work with him; and

17           Whereas, James Gordon Hanes, Jr. is survived by his wife, Helen Greever  
18 Copenhaver Hanes, his daughter, Margaret Drewry Hanes Nostitz, two sons, James G.  
19 Hanes, III and Eldridge C. Hanes, and six grandchildren;

20 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

21           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the life and memory of James  
22 Gordon Hanes, Jr. and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its  
23 citizens for his life and service.

24           Sec. 2. The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family and friends  
25 of James Gordon Hanes, Jr.

26           Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
27 to the family of James Gordon Hanes, Jr.

28           Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.