

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2003**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2003-7**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 392**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF J. FRANK BRYANT, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, J. Frank Bryant was born in Yadkin County on August 17, 1927, to Julius Frank Bryant and Dixie Miller Bryant; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant attended Wake Forest University, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant was a retired dairy and tobacco farmer who was active in his rural community and State affairs; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant served with honor and distinction in the House of Representatives during the 1959 Session of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant was just one of two Democrats from Yadkin County to serve in the General Assembly in the last 40 years; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant's influence went well beyond the political arena, making his largest imprint on the area years after he left the State legislature; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant was well-known in the business world, serving on State and national business advisory boards; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant was a member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau for over 25 years, serving several years as vice-president; was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Carolina-Virginia Milk Producers Association; served on the Board of Directors of the Tobacco Stabilization and Tobacco Associates; served as vice-president of the North Carolina Agribusiness Council, as president of the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation at North Carolina State University, as president and chair of the Board of Directors of the Northwest North Carolina Development Association; and was a member of the Dixie Classic Fair Commission and the Memorial Coliseum Commission in Winston-Salem; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant served as an advisor to the United States Department of Agriculture, as supervisor of the Winston-Salem Tobacco Market, and as chair of the Federal Industrywide Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served in the United States Army, and was a member of the Boonville United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant was selected as "Tarheel of the Week" by The Raleigh News and Observer; and

Whereas, Frank Bryant passed away in 2002, leaving to cherish his memory, his wife, Juanita Martin Bryant; a son, Steve and wife Dawn Bryant; a daughter, Debra Bryant; a son, Jay and wife Denita Bryant; and grandchildren, Katie, Kelly, George, and Claire Bryant, and Kori Reece; and

Whereas, in an era when many Americans are disillusioned with their public servants, Frank Bryant was a shining example of someone who could make a difference; and

Whereas, the citizens of this State should build on Frank Bryant's legacy and find others to follow in his footsteps; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly recognizes the life and legacy of a distinguished public servant, J. Frank Bryant, and commends his life and accomplishments to the citizens of North Carolina.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of J. Frank Bryant for the loss of a beloved family member.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of J. Frank Bryant.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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Richard T. Morgan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives