

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

**RESOLUTION 2003-26**  
**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1022**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF SAMUEL KOONCE, FORMER CIVIC LEADER.

Whereas, the citizens of Columbus County suffered a great loss in the death of Samuel Koonce, a devoted and lifelong servant of the community; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce graduated from Chadbourn High School and earned a degree in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce was a second generation pharmacist and ran successful pharmacies in the Towns of Chadbourn and Tabor City; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce was politically active in his community, serving as a town council member and Mayor of the Town of Chadbourn; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce served two terms on the Columbus County Board of Commissioners, one term of which was served as Chair of the Commission; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce was a strong supporter of higher education and was a charter member of the Southeastern Community College Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce established a scholarship at Southeastern Community College in memory of his parents; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce served for a number of years on the Chadbourn Board of Education and also served on the State Board of Health under Governor Terry Sanford; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce proudly served his country during World War II, serving as a pilot for the United States Army; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce made contributions to his community as a member of the Columbus County Library Board and was active in the Chadbourn Lions Club; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce was a lifetime member of the Chadbourn United Methodist Church, serving several terms as Chair of the Administrative Board; and

Whereas, Samuel Koonce leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Sarah Williams Koonce; his children, Dr. Samuel G. Koonce, Harriette K. Sparlin, Sterling G. Koonce, and William E. Koonce; and his grandchildren, John Hiatt, Elliott Koonce, Sarah Beth Koonce, Lindsay Koonce, Jaclyn Koonce, Mary Grayson Koonce, and Elizabeth Koonce; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Samuel Koonce and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and for service he rendered to his community and country.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Samuel Koonce.

**SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Samuel Koonce.

**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 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