

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2009**  
**RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2009-15**  
**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 224**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF THEODORE JAMES  
"TED" KINNEY, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Theodore James "Ted" Kinney was born on January 9, 1932, to Russell Kinney and Daisy Bethea Kinney in Clio, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney joined the United States Army after graduating from high school, serving 21 years of active duty until his retirement in 1972; and

Whereas, after serving in the army, Ted Kinney obtained a realtor's license from Lafayette College and earned a bachelor's degree from Shaw University in 1976; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney had a successful career as a realtor; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney became active in politics, serving as the Jesse Jackson Presidential Campaign manager for Cumberland County in 1984 and as a North Carolina Delegate at the National Democratic Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, in 1988; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney rendered distinguished service to the State, serving in the General Assembly as a member of the House of Representatives for terms in 1993, 1997, and 1999; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Ted Kinney made contributions as Chair of the Committee on Military, Veterans, and Indian Affairs and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety, and as a member of several other committees, including Education and Transportation; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney worked for the betterment of his community, serving as Executive Director of the Cape Fear Community Development Corporation, Chair of the Fayetteville Human Services Commission, and Chair of the Greater Fayetteville Area United Negro College Fund, and as a member of the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board and the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Committee; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney was a member of several professional and fraternal organizations, including the North Carolina Association of Realtors, the Masons, the Elks, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., American Legion Post 202, and VFW Post 6018; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney was a devoted member of John Wesley United Methodist Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney received numerous honors and awards for his good deeds, including the WTVD Community Service Award in 1997, Legislator of the Year Award from Operation Sickle Cell in 1994, the President's Career Service Award from Shaw University in 1993, and the Man of the Year Award from Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., in 1985; and

Whereas, Ted Kinney died on November 2, 2008, leaving to cherish his memory his wife, Thelma Hodges Kinney, and a son, Robert Fitzgerald Kinney; Now, therefore,

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

**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Theodore James "Ted" Kinney and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he rendered his community, State, and nation.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its sympathy to the family of Theodore James "Ted" Kinney 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 Theodore James "Ted" Kinney.



**SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of May,  
2009.

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Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives