

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR50185-LG-80 (03/08)

Sponsors: Representatives Michaux, Ross, Martin, Weiss (Primary Sponsors); Gill, Jackson, Stam, Avila, Dollar, and Murry.

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RALPH
2 CAMPBELL, JR., FORMER STATE AUDITOR.

3 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was born on December 7, 1946, in Raleigh, North
4 Carolina, to Ralph Campbell, Sr., and June Kay Campbell; and

5 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., graduated from J. W. Ligon High School in 1964,
6 earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from St.
7 Augustine's College in 1968, and furthered his education by attending the graduate program in
8 business at North Carolina Central University; and

9 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., served as an SP-4 in the Field Artillery Unit of the
10 United States Army Reserves from 1971 to 1977; and

11 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., served as a Field Auditor for the North Carolina
12 Department of Revenue from 1977 to 1986, as a Plan Auditor for the State Health Benefits
13 Office from 1986 to 1990, and as an Administrative Officer for the North Carolina Department
14 of Insurance from 1990 to 1992; and

15 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was elected to the Raleigh City Council in 1985,
16 reelected to three additional terms in 1987, 1989, 1991, and served as Mayor Pro Tem from
17 1989 to 1991; and

18 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was elected as State Auditor in 1992, becoming the
19 first African-American to be elected to a statewide executive office in North Carolina; and

20 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was reelected State Auditor for two additional terms
21 in 1996 and 2000; and

22 Whereas, during his tenure as State Auditor, Ralph Campbell, Jr., helped upgrade
23 technology in the State Auditor's Office and completed more than 3,600 audits of various State
24 departments and agencies; and

25 Whereas, in 2005, Ralph Campbell, Jr., founded R. Campbell and Associates, a firm
26 that specialized in auditing, information systems, and consulting services, and served as the
27 firm's CEO and President; and

28 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., later worked with the Government Accounting
29 Office in Washington, D.C.; and

30 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., served as a member of several professional
31 organizations, including the National State Auditors Association, as president; the National
32 Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers; Southeastern Inter-Governmental
33 Audit Forum, as chair; Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; National Forum for Black
34 Public Administrators; the National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council; and the
35 Electronic Benefits Transfer Council's Fraud and Audit Committee, as chair; and



1 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., rendered distinguished service to many State boards
2 and commissions, including the North Carolina Information Resource Management
3 Commission, serving as chair; the North Carolina Local Government Commission; the North
4 Carolina Capital Planning Commission; the North Carolina Educational Facilities Finance
5 Agency Board; the Public School Administrators Task Force; and Local Government
6 Partnership Council; and

7 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was devoted to his community, serving on the
8 Downtown Raleigh Alliance; the St. Augustine's College Board of Trustees; the Shaw Divinity
9 School Board of Trustees; the North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials, as Treasurer;
10 the Triangle J Council of Governments, World Class Region; the Raleigh United Negro
11 College Fund, as co-chair; the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus, as treasurer; the
12 National League of Cities Human Development Steering Committee; the Wake County
13 Education Foundation; the Wake United Way; and the Occoneechee Council of the Boy Scouts
14 of America; and

15 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was active in several fraternal organizations,
16 including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Widow's Son Lodge No. 4, and Kabala Temple No. 177;
17 and

18 Whereas, as a result of his commitment to his community and public service, Ralph
19 Campbell, Jr., was honored with several awards and distinctions, including an Honorary Doctor
20 of Laws from Livingstone College in 2003, the North Carolina Electronics and Information
21 Technologies Association's Award for Public Leadership in Technology in 2000, the U.S.
22 Department of Health and Human Services Auditor General's Integrity Award in 1995, an
23 Honorary Doctor of Christian Letters from Shaw University Divinity School in 1991, an
24 Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from St. Augustine's College in 1990, the State of North
25 Carolina's Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 1985, and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity's Omega Man of
26 the Year in 1984; and

27 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., was a member of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church in
28 Raleigh; and

29 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., died on January 11, 2011, at the age of 64; and

30 Whereas, Ralph Campbell, Jr., leaves to mourn his loss two brothers, Bill Campbell
31 and Edwin Campbell; a sister, Mildred Campbell Christmas; and five nieces and nephews;
32 Now, therefore,

33 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

34 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Ralph
35 Campbell, Jr., and expresses the deep gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for
36 his life and service to North Carolina.

37 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives extends its deepest sympathy to the
38 family of Ralph Campbell, Jr., for the loss of a beloved family member.

39 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
40 to the family of Ralph Campbell, Jr.

41 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.