

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2017**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 928**

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Sponsors: Committee on Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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Referred to: Calendar 10/4/2017

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October 4, 2017

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF EDWARD  
2 SHELTON "ED" HOLMES, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Edward Shelton "Ed" Holmes was born in Rockingham County, North  
4 Carolina, on November 20, 1929, to James Eugene Holmes and Bessie Shelton Holmes; and

5 Whereas, Ed Holmes graduated from Leaksville High School and attended the  
6 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, earning a bachelor of science degree in chemistry  
7 in 1951 and a juris doctorate degree in 1958; and

8 Whereas, Ed Holmes practiced law in Pittsboro, where he served as an attorney for  
9 the Chatham County Board of Education for 40 years and retired from his law practice in 2007;  
10 and

11 Whereas, Ed Holmes served his profession as president of the Chatham County Bar,  
12 15th Judicial District Bar, and North Carolina Legal Aid Association, and as a State Bar  
13 Counselor; and

14 Whereas, Ed Holmes served with honor and distinction as a member of the General  
15 Assembly in the House of Representatives for four terms between 1973 and 1980; and

16 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Ed Holmes was an avid  
17 supporter of The University of North Carolina and was a member of the General Statutes  
18 Commission and chair of the House Appropriations Committee; and

19 Whereas, Ed Holmes served as chair of the Governor's Committee on Low Income  
20 Housing and was a member of the Board of Directors of Central Carolina Bank for almost 30  
21 years; and

22 Whereas, Ed Holmes was also a member of the Board of Central Carolina  
23 Community College (CCCC) Foundation. In 2008, he and his wife established and funded the  
24 Edward S. and Mary Hayes B. Holmes Endowment which provides scholarships for students of  
25 CCCC; and

26 Whereas, Ed Holmes served as president of Chapel Hill-Tar Heel Golden K  
27 (Kiwanis), was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and a deacon at Pittsboro Presbyterian  
28 Church, of which he was a member for over 50 years; and

29 Whereas, Ed Holmes proudly served in the United States Army as a  
30 Communications Specialist and was stationed in Korea during the Korean Conflict; and

31 Whereas, Ed Holmes was admired and respected by his family, friends, clients, and  
32 colleagues; and

33 Whereas, Ed Holmes died on September 19, 2017, at the age of 87; and

34 Whereas, Ed Holmes was extremely devoted to his wife, Mary Hayes, who passed  
35 away in 2008; and



1           Whereas, Ed Holmes is survived by his children, Edward S. Holmes, Jr., Hayes  
2 Barber Holmes, and Agnes Holmes Cobbum; grandchildren, Grace Morgan Holmes, Robert  
3 Edward Holmes, and Mary Hayes Cobbum; Now, therefore,  
4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5           **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Edward Shelton  
6 "Ed" Holmes and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered his community, State,  
7 and nation.

8           **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives extends its deepest sympathy to the  
9 family of Edward Shelton "Ed" Holmes for the loss of a beloved family member.

10           **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
11 to the family of Edward Shelton "Ed" Holmes.

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