

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1997**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1232**

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Sponsors: Representatives Sutton, Yongue, and Bonner.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

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May 19, 1997

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ADOLPH  
2 LORENZ DIAL, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3       Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial was born in the Prospect Community of  
4 Robeson County, North Carolina, on December 12, 1922, to Noah Dial and Mary Ellen  
5 Moore Dial; and

6       Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial graduated from Prospect High School in 1939  
7 and the University of North Carolina at Pembroke in 1943, and received graduate  
8 degrees from Boston University in 1953 and 1956; and

9       Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial served as professor and professor emeritus of  
10 history at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, where he was the founder and  
11 chair of the American Indian Studies Department; and

12       Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial worked for the betterment of his community  
13 through membership on various boards, including the Board of Trustees of the  
14 University of North Carolina at Pembroke; as founder, member, and chair of the Board  
15 of Directors of the Robeson County Church and Community Center; as charter member  
16 and chair of the Board of Directors of the Lumbee Regional Development Association;  
17 as a lifetime member of the Board of Directors of the Robeson Historical Drama,  
18 "Strike at the Wind"; and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Lumbee  
19 Guaranty Bank; and

20       Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial was a member of the Congressional  
21 Committee for Indian Policy Review from 1975 through 1977, and served on the Board  
22 of Directors of the American Indian Historical Society; and

1           Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial showed outstanding devotion to public service,  
2 having served as a member of the House of Representatives during the 1991 Session of  
3 the General Assembly and as a member of the Pembroke Town Council during the  
4 1950s; and

5           Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial served his country in the United States Army  
6 during World War II in the European Theater of Operations, and was awarded six battle  
7 stars; and

8           Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial rendered distinguished service to the religious  
9 life of his community as a lifelong member of the Prospect United Methodist Church;  
10 and

11           Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial received numerous awards and recognitions,  
12 including the Jefferson Award in 1983, and Doctor of Humane Letters from the  
13 University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1984, and from the University of North  
14 Carolina at Pembroke in 1988; and

15           Whereas, Adolph Lorenz Dial died on December 24, 1995, leaving to mourn  
16 his wife, Harriet Caligan Dial; his daughter, Mary Doris Dial Caple and her husband  
17 Frank; his sisters, Grace D. Locklear and Rosa B. Woods; Now, therefore,  
18 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

19           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Adolph Lorenz Dial  
20 and extends the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and  
21 devoted service to this State and his community.

22           Section 2. The General Assembly expresses its deepest sympathy to the  
23 family of Adolph Lorenz Dial for the loss of this distinguished citizen.

24           Section 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
25 resolution to the family of Adolph Lorenz Dial.

26           Section 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.