



## Legislation Text

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### **TITLE**

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF LEE WILLIAM KINARD, JR.**

### **SPONSOR**

Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston

### **RESOLUTION**

#### **HONORING THE LIFE OF LEE WILLIAM KINARD, JR.**

WHEREAS, on October 20<sup>th</sup> the community of Guilford County lost a giant with the passing of Lee William Kinard. Lee's service began early as he served in the Army as chief of the Radio and TV Section during the Korean War at Fort Bragg and Puerto Rico and was particularly proud of having participated in the Army's first atomic weapons maneuver. He was awarded the Certificate of Merit and promoted to staff sergeant for his filmmaking efforts. Later, Lee obtained all three of his degrees at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He received undergraduate and graduate degrees in English and a doctorate in Education; and

WHEREAS, in his time, Lee authored three books and traveled the world. He received six School Bell awards during his life and was committed to education in all forms. He worked in radio in Albemarle until starting at WFMY-TV on April 16, 1956. He created the "Good Morning Show" in December 1957 until 1999. He produced award-winning documentaries on a variety of local, national and international topics; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, he became the executive assistant to the president of GTCC and helped to create the Larry Gatlin School of Entertainment Technology. He was a member of the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame and a recipient of the Silver Service Award presented by the National Television Academy of Arts and Sciences. However, he thought his most significant award was the one he most recently received, the Unsung Hero Award, from the International Civil Rights Center and Museum; and

WHEREAS, Lee is survived by his wife and his three children, Anne Courtney Milton, they had just celebrated their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on October 11, 2018, his daughters Ann Kinard Marsh (Robert) and Valerie Grace Kinard Surasky (Charles), and his son Austin M. Kinard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners that it hereby recognizes Lee William Kinard, Jr. for his many years of continued service to Guilford County and his many contributions to Greensboro, and the greater Guilford County community, and extends its deepest condolences to the Kinard family.

ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this Thursday, the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

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J. Alan Branson, Chairman  
Guilford County Board of Commissioners

**REQUESTED ACTION**

Adopt Resolution Honoring the Life of Lee William Kinard, Jr.