



Legislation Text

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TITLE

RESOLUTION HONORING CURTIS R. KENNEDY'S YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

SPONSOR

Commissioner Alan Perdue

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Curtis Kennedy is a beloved community member, whose accomplishments have enriched the lives of his family, friends and community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy graduated from Rankin High School in Greensboro, NC and enlisted in the US Navy during World War II, where he reached the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class and served in the Norfolk, Virginia shipyard and the Philippines working on ship electrical units and radar systems; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy's interest in electrical systems led him to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville, Arkansas and upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he began his electrical inspection career with Starr Electric Company of Greensboro before being recruited by the Guilford County Planning Department as an Electrical Inspector, where he rose through the ranks to serve as Inspections Director; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy is considered a groundbreaking leader in the Electrical Inspection field; serving as Executive Director, Board Member, Board Vice Chair and Chairman for the NC State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors, and is known as a staunch promoter of fire service throughout North Carolina who supported safety codes for the electrical, fire and building safety disciplines, and successfully advocated for adoption of the NC Fire Prevention Code at the state level; and

WHEREAS, while developing a pioneering career in the inspections and public safety realm, Mr. Kennedy devoted his skills and talents to ensuring the safety of his community by founding the Mcleansville Fire Department in 1951, where he has continuously and actively served as a Fire District Commissioner from the department's inception. And, as a parent and proponent for preparing youth for the future, he founded Troop 208 in Mcleansville and served as its first

Scout Master where, under his guidance, 66 children were designated as Eagle Scouts, and for his extraordinary leadership, Mr. Kennedy was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award and the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kennedy's commitment to public safety, education and community service is only surpassed by his love for, and dedication to, family, including: his late wife, Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Paisley and late daughter, Mary Frances Kennedy; son, Curtis Roland Kennedy, Jr.; his in-laws, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, to whom he continues to instill his values of stewardship, leadership and advocacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Guilford County Board of Commissioners express their sincere appreciation and admiration for the contributions Mr. Curtis Roland Kennedy, Sr. has made to Guilford County and the state of North Carolina.

ADOPTED this the 15th day of September 2022.

REQUESTED ACTION

Adopt resolution honoring Curtis R. Kennedy's years of dedicated service to Guilford County and the Mcleansville Fire District Commission.