

**Prepared Floor Statement of Congressman G. K. Butterfield (NC-01)**

**In Support of H.R. 3937**

**September 20, 2016**

I thank the gentleman from Indianapolis, my friend Mr. Carson, for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my bill – H.R. 3937 which seeks to honor a great jurist, a great public servant, and a great American, Judge Randy D. Doub of Greenville, North Carolina.

Judge Doub was an outstanding jurist and lifelong North Carolinian who is fondly remembered by many who appeared before his court, and by those in the Pitt County, North Carolina community he loved so much.

Last November, I introduced H.R. 3937 – a bill that seeks to name the US courthouse at 150 Reade Circle in Greenville, North Carolina as the “Judge Randy D. Doub United States Courthouse.”

My good friend and colleague Congressman Walter Jones joined me in spearheading this effort. I thank him for his tireless work on this bill. We were joined by the entire North Carolina House delegation who signed on as original cosponsors.

I want to express my sincere appreciation to my colleagues from North Carolina for the strong bipartisan support of this bill. I would also like to thank Majority Leader McCarthy for working with me to put this bill on the Floor.

Mr. Speaker, Randy D. Doub was born in Pfafftown, North Carolina, a small community near Winston-Salem. In 1977, he graduated Magna Cum Laude from East Carolina University in my congressional district in Greenville. He then earned his law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1980.

After law school, Judge Doub went into private practice where he spent 26 years providing expert counsel to his clients and devotedly represented their interests in court.

After more than a quarter century in private practice, Mr. Doub was appointed as the United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

As he ascended to the Bench, Judge Doub’s reputation as a hardworking, fair, and compassionate jurist did not go unnoticed. In 2007, he was named Chief Judge; a position he held until last year.

Sadly, on January 24, 2015, Judge Doub passed away at the young age of 59 from a sudden heart attack. He left behind a family and community who loved and respected him so much.

Judge Doub put his family and faith above all else. He was a devoted and loving husband to his wife of 29 years, Toni and a great father to their two sons, Alexander and Jameson.

A man of strong conviction and faith, Judge Doub was a member of Unity Free Will Baptist Church and was a dedicated and long serving member of their choir.

Mr. Speaker, while Judge Randy D. Doub is deserving of far more accolades, and I am sure they will come with time, it is my great pleasure to offer this legislation that seeks in some small way to honor the life and work of Judge Doub.

In closing, there is no more fitting way to honor the judicial legacy and contributions of Judge Randy D. Doub than to name the United States Courthouse in Greenville, North Carolina where he served with such distinction in his honor.

Again, I thank my colleagues for their strong support. And I urge a YES vote on H.R. 3937.

I yield back the balance of my time. Thank you.