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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2074*

Sponsors: Representatives Gibson and Current (Primary Sponsors).

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

June 14, 2010

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF HOYT PATRICK
2 TAYLOR, SR. AND HOYT PATRICK TAYLOR, JR.

3 Whereas, many of North Carolina's citizens have served as able and dedicated
4 public servants, including Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. who are the
5 only father and son to be elected Lieutenant Governor of the State; and

6 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. was born on June 11, 1890, in Winton, North
7 Carolina, to Simeon P. Taylor and Kate Ward Taylor; and

8 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. attended Winton High School and Academy and
9 Horner Military Academy and graduated from Wake Forest College; and

10 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. became a lawyer and went on to serve as
11 Vice-President and Director of Anson Sanatorium and Carolina Concrete Pipe Company and as
12 Director of the Anson Telephone and Telegraph Company, Anson Building and Loan
13 Association, Anson Real Estate and Insurance Company, Hornwood Warp Knitting Company,
14 and the Wadesboro Electric Service Company; and

15 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. made numerous contributions to his community
16 and his State, including service as Mayor of Wadesboro, Chair of the Board of Trustees of
17 Meredith College, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of The University of North
18 Carolina; and

19 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. was elected to the General Assembly in 1936 and
20 served in the North Carolina Senate for terms in 1937, 1939, and 1943; and

21 Whereas, as a distinguished member of the North Carolina Senate, Hoyt Patrick
22 Taylor, Sr. was appointed Chair of the Committees on Finance and Appropriations and was a
23 member of several other committees including, Banks and Currency, Constitutional
24 Amendments, Judiciary, Mental Institutions, Railroads, Unemployment Compensation, Courts
25 and Judicial Districts, Election Laws, Insurance, and Military Affairs; and

26 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. served as the Legislative Assistant to Governor
27 Robert Cherry from 1945 to 1946 and served as Lieutenant Governor from 1949 to 1953; and

28 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. also served as a member of the State Board of
29 Education from 1949 to 1953, during which time he served as Chair; and

30 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. served as a delegate to the 1952 Democratic
31 National Convention; and

32 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. was active in many charitable and fraternal
33 organizations, including the Anson County Post No. 31 of the American Legion, Wadesboro
34 Rotary and Executives Clubs, Woodmen of the World, Carolina Consistory, Oasis Temple of
35 the Shrine, and the Masons; and

36 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr., served his country as a member of the 371st
37 Infantry during World War I and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart; and



1 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. was a member of the First Baptist Church in
2 Wadesboro; and

3 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. married Inez Wooten Taylor on June 28, 1923,
4 and to their union had three children, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr., Caroline Corbett Taylor, and
5 Frank Wooten Taylor; and

6 Whereas Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. died on April 12, 1964, at the age of 74; and

7 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick "Pat" Taylor, Jr. was born on April 1, 1924, in Wadesboro,
8 North Carolina; and

9 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. attended the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee
10 from 1940 to 1942 and received a bachelor's degree in 1945 and a law degree in 1948 from the
11 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

12 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. served in the United States Marine Corps from 1945 to
13 1946 during World War II and from 1951 to 1952 during the Korean War; and

14 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. practiced law for many years in Wadesboro; and

15 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. served with honor and distinction in the North Carolina
16 House of Representatives for six consecutive terms between 1955 and 1966; and

17 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Pat Taylor, Jr. was appointed
18 Chair of the Judiciary Committee and Vice-chair of the Committees on Courts and Judicial
19 Districts and Employment Security and served as a member of several other committees,
20 including Finance, Mental Institutions, Insurance, Highway Safety, and Public Utilities; and

21 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. was elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives
22 during his last term in the General Assembly; and

23 Whereas, in 1961, Pat Taylor, Jr. became the recipient of the Judge John J. Parker
24 Award, the highest award given by the North Carolina Bar Association, "for conspicuous
25 contributions to the cause of jurisprudence in North Carolina," and in recognition of his efforts
26 in persuading the General Assembly to pass legislation creating a constitutional amendment on
27 court reform; and

28 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. was the recipient of the University of North Carolina at
29 Chapel Hill School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for "Distinction Beyond Professional
30 Excellence"; and

31 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. served as Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and as a
32 member of the State Board of Education from 1969 to 1973; and

33 Whereas, during the 1972 Democratic National Convention, Pat Taylor, Jr. was
34 among those who received votes for the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination; and

35 Whereas, in 2005, Pat Taylor, Jr. wrote "Fourth Down and Goal to Go," an
36 anthology based on his personal and political experiences in North Carolina; and

37 Whereas, in 2008, Pat Taylor, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth Lockhart Taylor, and their
38 families were honored by Southern Piedmont Community College, when the college named the
39 newly renovated facility that houses the college's continuing education operations the
40 Lockhart-Taylor Center and later bestowed an honorary degree; and

41 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. has served on various boards and committees, including the
42 Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the General Alumni
43 Board of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Board of Governors of The
44 University of North Carolina, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North
45 Carolina at Greensboro, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North
46 Carolina, and a Director of Anson Bank and Trust Company, and was a Rotarian and 32nd
47 Degree Mason; and

48 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. is a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro;
49 and

1 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth, have been married for almost 60
2 years and are the parents of three children, Elizabeth Ann Taylor, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, III, and
3 Adam Lockhart Taylor; Now, therefore,

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

5 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Hoyt Patrick Taylor,
6 Sr. and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and
7 service to North Carolina.

8 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses high esteem and regard for the
9 accomplishments of Hoyt Patrick "Pat" Taylor, Jr. and acknowledges with gratitude the
10 distinguished service he provided to his community, State, and nation.

11 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly also acknowledges and appreciates the
12 generous action of the Taylor family to donate the personal and political papers and records of
13 Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. to the North Carolina State Archives.

14 **SECTION 4.** The General Assembly, in honor of the contributions made by Hoyt
15 Patrick Taylor, Sr. and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. to the honorable bodies, further directs the
16 Legislative Services Division of the General Assembly to display a certified copy of this
17 resolution together with pictures of Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. in a
18 prominent location within the Legislative Building.

19 **SECTION 5.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
20 resolution to the family of Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and to Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr.

21 **SECTION 6.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.