

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1137*

Sponsors: Senators Blue; Hunt, Nesbitt, Stein, and Stevens.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 17, 2010

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT J. "BOB"
2 HENSLEY, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Robert J. "Bob" Hensley, Jr. was born on June 23, 1947, in McDowell
4 County to Robert J. Hensley, Sr. and Lelia Wise Hensley; and

5 Whereas, Bob Hensley grew up in Gaston County and graduated from Cherryville
6 High School in 1965; and

7 Whereas, Bob Hensley earned a BA degree from the University of North Carolina at
8 Charlotte in 1969 and a JD from the North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1976;
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10 Whereas, Bob Hensley furthered his education by taking graduate classes in Public
11 Administration at North Carolina State University; and

12 Whereas, Bob Hensley had a successful career as an attorney for more than 30
13 years; and

14 Whereas, Bob Hensley proudly served his profession as a member of the North
15 Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, and Wake County
16 Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers; and

17 Whereas, Bob Hensley represented the people of central Wake County with honor
18 and distinction as a member of the House of Representatives in the North Carolina General
19 Assembly for six terms between 1991 and 2002; and

20 Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Bob Hensley provided outstanding
21 leadership as Chair of Judiciary and State Personnel Committees and Vice-Chair of Alcoholic
22 Beverage Control Committee, and made significant contributions as a member of several other
23 committees, including Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Human Resources
24 Subcommittee on Children, Youth and Families; Science and Technology; Insurance; Financial
25 Institutions; State Government Performance Audit; Legislative and Local Redistricting; Rules;
26 and Wildlife Resources; and

27 Whereas, Bob Hensley rendered invaluable service to his community, serving as a
28 member of the Board of Directors of Yates Mill Associates, Inc., Rex Home Health Care, and
29 White Plains Children's Center, as a member of Habitat for Humanity, Back-a-Child
30 Committee for the Garner Road YMCA, and as Legal Counsel for Garner Citizens Against
31 Drug Abuse; and

32 Whereas, Bob Hensley was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science
33 Honors Fraternity, American Society for Public Administration, and Wake County Democratic
34 Men's Club, and served as President of Wake County Young Democrats in 1981 and State
35 Vice-President of North Carolina Young Democrats in 1981; and

36 Whereas, Bob Hensley was a member of the First United Methodist Church in
37 Wake County; and



1 Whereas, Bob Hensley was awarded the J. Albert House/Gordon Gray Award for
2 North Carolina's Most Outstanding Democrat in 1983; and

3 Whereas, Bob Hensley will be fondly remembered for his great sense of humor, his
4 devotion to his family, and his unwavering spirit in defending his beliefs; and

5 Whereas, Bob Hensley died on August 18, 2009, at the age of 62; and

6 Whereas, Bob Hensley is survived by his wife, Patricia F. Grainger Hensley; three
7 sons, Robert Hensley III, Preston Hensley, and Chris Hensley; three sisters, Shirley H. Walker,
8 Debra Hensley, and Sarah H. Conner; and one brother, Jerry Hensley; Now, therefore,

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

10 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Robert J.
11 "Bob" Hensley, Jr. and expresses its appreciation for his accomplishments and for the great
12 service he gave to the State of North Carolina and the citizens of central Wake County.

13 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of
14 Robert J. "Bob" Hensley, Jr. for the loss of a beloved family member.

15 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
16 resolution to the family of Robert J. "Bob" Hensley, Jr.

17 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.