

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR15357-LG-210 (04/22)

Sponsors: Senator Soles.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ARTHUR W.
2 WILLIAMSON, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson was born on November 6, 1911, in Cerro Gordo,
4 North Carolina, to Marshall E. Williamson and Annie Belle Green Williamson; and

5 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson attended Cerro Gordo High School and Wake
6 Forest College; and

7 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson was a farmer and fertilizer dealer in Columbus
8 County; and

9 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson served as a member of the Columbus County
10 Board of Health from 1944 to 1947 and the Columbus County Board of Welfare from 1940 to
11 1950, and served as chair of the Columbus County Board of Education from 1953 to 1954; and

12 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson donated land to many organizations in the Cerro
13 Gordo area, including the Cerro Gordo Fire Department, Legionnaires Building, Cerro Gordo
14 Baptist Church, Cerro Gordo Methodist Church and the Church's parsonage, and the
15 Southeastern Community College, which received a generous donation of over 100 acres; and

16 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson served as District Supervisor of the United States
17 Census, 7th Congressional District in 1950; and

18 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson served with honor and distinction in the General
19 Assembly, serving as a Senator in 1955, 1959, and 1973, and as a Representative in 1961,
20 1963, 1965, and 1969; and

21 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Arthur W. Williamson played
22 a vital role in the development of North Carolina's Community College System; and

23 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson served on the North Carolina Board of
24 Transportation from 1977 to 1981; and

25 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson was admired and respected by those who knew
26 him, as well as those whom he served; and

27 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson died on July 31, 1999; and

28 Whereas, Arthur W. Williamson is survived by his wife, Catherine Price
29 Williamson; a son, A. W. "Buddy" Williamson Jr.; four daughters, Betty W. Welch, Margaret
30 W. Godwin, Jean Arthur Hammond, and Sarah W. Purvis; two stepsons, Tom Rothrock and
31 Ken Rothrock; two stepdaughters, Catherine R. Nichols and Carey Redmond; 19 grandchildren,
32 22 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren; Now, therefore,

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

34 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Arthur W.
35 Williamson and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the service he
36 rendered.



- 1 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its sympathy to the family of
- 2 Arthur W. Williamson for the loss of a beloved family member.
- 3 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to
- 4 the family of Arthur W. Williamson.
- 5 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.