

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

S

1

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1302

Sponsors: Senator Soles.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 20, 2010

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF MARGARET
2 TAYLOR HARPER, FORMER CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

3 Whereas, Margaret Taylor was born on February 17, 1917, in Southport, North
4 Carolina, to Charles Edward Taylor and Jessie Stevens Taylor; and

5 Whereas, Margaret Taylor earned a bachelor's degree from Greensboro College in
6 1937; and

7 Whereas, after college, Margaret Taylor married James M. Harper, Jr., editor of the
8 State Port Pilot, a local newspaper in Southport; and

9 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper successfully ran an insurance company founded
10 by her grandfather for a number of years and edited the State Port Pilot while her husband
11 served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

12 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper went on to serve as executive secretary of the
13 North Carolina Press Association from 1969 to 1978 and was inducted into the North Carolina
14 Journalism Hall of Fame in 1987; and

15 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper rendered distinguished service to her community,
16 serving on many boards in various leadership capacities, including the Southport Woman's
17 Club, Brunswick County Library Board, and North Carolinians for Better Libraries; and

18 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper served on the Boards of Trustees for the
19 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of North Carolina, and
20 North Carolina Wesleyan College, the Board of Governors for Research Triangle Institute, and
21 Board of Directors of Carolina Power and Light Company; and

22 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper served as president of the North Carolina
23 Democratic Women and chair of the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations; and

24 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper sought the Democratic nomination for lieutenant
25 governor during the 1968 and 1972 elections; and

26 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper was devoted to the Trinity United Methodist
27 Church in Southport, serving as a Sunday school teacher and the organist for more than 50
28 years; and

29 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper served as chair of the Methodist Retirement
30 Home in the City of Durham and played a vital role in establishing Croasdaile Village, a
31 retirement community in that city; and

32 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper was recognized for her many contributions,
33 receiving honorary degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and
34 Greensboro College and recognition from the Council of Women's Organizations as a Woman
35 of Distinction in 1987; and

36 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper died on October 11, 2009, at the age of 92; and



1 Whereas, Margaret Taylor Harper leaves to cherish her memories two sons, James
2 M. Harper III and Edward T. Harper; four grandchildren, James M. Harper IV, Margaret Tuttle,
3 Julianne Hollingsworth, and Morgan Harper of Southport; and seven great-grandchildren,
4 Kathleen Tuttle, Clay Tuttle, Sierra Shell, Anna Holcomb, Jonah Gouger, Joshua Mote, and
5 Marisa Mote; Now, therefore,

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life of Margaret Taylor Harper and
8 expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for her life and service to her community
9 and State.

10 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its sympathy to the family of
11 Margaret Taylor Harper for the loss of a beloved family member.

12 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
13 resolution to the family of Margaret Taylor Harper.

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