

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR35463-LG-257A\* (05/18)**

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Sponsors:     Senator Purcell.

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Referred to:

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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 371<sup>st</sup>  
37    Infantry during World War I and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart; and



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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 32<sup>nd</sup>  
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 Senate, the House of Representatives 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.