

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2010-20
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1454**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF BETTY HUTCHINSON WISER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser was born May 12, 1931, in Shelby, Ohio, to Roscoe David Hutchinson and Mary Louise Stine Hutchinson; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser earned a BS degree from Ohio State University in 1954; an MS degree in Home Economics from Ohio State University in 1958; an MS degree in Sociology from North Carolina State University in 1961; and a doctorate degree in Adult Education from North Carolina State University in 1982; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser's professional background included working as a teacher and home economist and serving as President of the Retirement Planning Associates, Inc.; Executive Director of the Wake County Council on Aging, Inc.; Director and Founder of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Raleigh-Wake County; and Director of Volunteer Training and Volunteer Services projects; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser was active in the political affairs of her community, serving as a precinct chair for Wake County and as a member of the Wake County Unity Campaign Committee and the Democratic Women of Wake County; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser served with honor and distinction as a member of the General Assembly, serving three terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1985 to 1990; and

Whereas, during her tenure in the General Assembly, Betty Hutchinson Wiser made significant contributions as chair of the Committee on Human Resources and as a member of several committees, including Appropriations; Pensions and Retirement; Rules, Appointments and the Calendar; and Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser served as President of the League of Women Voters of North Carolina and cochair of the Osteoporosis Prevention Task Force of North Carolina, and as a member of the National Association of Women Business Owners, American Business Women Association, American Association of University Women, Older Women's Leagues, North Carolina Adult Education Association, North Carolina Association of Aging, and North Carolina Senior Citizens Association; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser also served in many capacities on numerous boards and commissions, including as Director of the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, Director of the North Carolina Conference for Social Services, and President of the North Carolina Council of Women's Organizations, and as a member of the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women, North Carolina Family Life Council, and the Capitol Planning Commission; and

Whereas, while a resident of Wake County, Betty Hutchinson Wiser was a faithful member of the Unitarian Church in Raleigh; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser died on February 18, 2010, at the age of 78; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser was married for over 52 years to her husband, Edward Wiser, who passed away on March 4, 2010; and

Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser is survived by her daughter, Carla Lounsbury; son, Conrad Wiser; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two brothers, Samuel and David Hutchinson; Now, therefore,

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



SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Betty Hutchinson Wiser and expresses the appreciation of this State and its citizens for the remarkable service she rendered.

SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Hutchinson Wiser for the loss of a beloved family member.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Betty Hutchinson Wiser.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 29th day of June, 2010.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives