

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR50037-LG-21 (02/02)

Sponsors: Representatives Womble and Parmon (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF IRENE PACE
2 HAIRSTON, FORSYTH COUNTY EDUCATOR AND CIVIC LEADER.

3 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston was born in Pfafftown, North Carolina, to Luther
4 Wiley Pace and Maude Clodfelter Pace; and

5 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston graduated from Columbia Heights High School in
6 Winston-Salem and earned a bachelor's degree from Winston-Salem Teacher's College (now
7 Winston-Salem State University) and a master's degree from North Carolina Agricultural and
8 Technical State University; and

9 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston served as an educator in Forsyth County for 42 years,
10 during which time she took a special interest in exposing her students to drama and the
11 performing arts; and

12 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston was loyal to her college alma mater, serving as a
13 member of the Board of Trustees at Winston-Salem State University and playing a significant
14 role in helping the University revitalize its nursing program; and

15 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston was a leader in her community, serving as an
16 invaluable member of the Board of Directors of the Winston-Salem Urban League, as
17 vice-chair of the City/County Planning Board from 1980 to 1996, as a member of the Forsyth
18 County Public Library Board for 23 years, serving eight consecutive terms as chair; and

19 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston was a delegate to the White House Conference on
20 Information Services in 1991 and a founding member of Leadership Winston-Salem, and
21 served as a member of the American Association of University Women, the Association of
22 Retired Teachers, Friendship Force, the Family Services West Central Community Center
23 Board, the Winston-Salem Chapter of the MOLES, and the Winston-Salem Chapter of the
24 Holidays Bridge Club; and

25 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston was admired by all who came to know her and was
26 honored by many organizations, including being named "Woman of the Year" by the
27 Winston-Salem Chronicle in 1992, and receiving a Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree
28 from Winston-Salem State University in 1993, the American Library Association's National
29 Outstanding Trustee Citation in 1997, and the Winston-Salem Urban League's Community
30 Service Award; and

31 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston was a lifelong member of the Bethlehem AME Zion
32 Church in Pfafftown, serving as a trustee and stewardess; and

33 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston died on June 17, 2010, at the age of 96; and

34 Whereas, Irene Pace Hairston was married to the late Walter Moore Hairston, and is
35 survived by a daughter, Lois Pace Hairston-Turner, and grandchildren, Carter J. Turner, II,
36 Tiffany Sante' Turner, and Demetrius Shore; Now, therefore,

37 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:



1 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Irene Pace
2 Hairston and expresses the appreciation of the citizens of this State for the service she rendered
3 her community.

4 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives extends its sympathy to the family of
5 Irene Pace Hairston for the loss of a beloved family member.

6 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
7 to the family of Irene Pace Hairston.

8 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.