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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 2074*
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June 14, 2010

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 able and dedicated public servants have come
4 from the same families, and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and his son, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. were
5 both elected Lieutenant Governor and served during the administrations of W. Kerr Scott and
6 his son, Robert W. Scott; and

7 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. are the only
8 father-son pair to be elected Lieutenant Governor in the State's history; and

9 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. was born on June 11, 1890, in Winton, North
10 Carolina, to Simeon P. Taylor and Kate Ward Taylor; and

11 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. attended Winton High School and Academy and
12 Horner Military Academy and graduated from Wake Forest College; and

13 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. became a lawyer and went on to serve as
14 Vice-President and Director of Anson Sanatorium and Carolina Concrete Pipe Company and as
15 Director of the Anson Telephone and Telegraph Company, Anson Building and Loan
16 Association, Anson Real Estate and Insurance Company, Hornwood Warp Knitting Company,
17 and the Wadesboro Electric Service Company; and

18 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. made numerous contributions to his community
19 and his State, including service as Mayor of Wadesboro, Chair of the Board of Trustees of
20 Meredith College, and as a member of the Board of Trustees of The University of North
21 Carolina; and

22 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. was elected to the General Assembly in 1936 and
23 served in the North Carolina Senate for terms in 1937, 1939, and 1943; and

24 Whereas, as a distinguished member of the North Carolina Senate, Hoyt Patrick
25 Taylor, Sr. was appointed Chair of the Committees on Finance and Appropriations and was a
26 member of several other committees including, Banks and Currency, Constitutional
27 Amendments, Judiciary, Mental Institutions, Railroads, Unemployment Compensation, Courts
28 and Judicial Districts, Election Laws, Insurance, and Military Affairs; and

29 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. served as the Legislative Assistant to Governor
30 Robert Cherry from 1945 to 1946 and served as Lieutenant Governor from 1949 to 1953; and

31 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. also served as a member of the State Board of
32 Education from 1949 to 1953, during which time he served as Chair; and

33 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. served as a delegate to the 1952 Democratic
34 National Convention; and

35 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. was active in many charitable and fraternal
36 organizations, including the Anson County Post No. 31 of the American Legion, Wadesboro



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1 Rotary and Executives Clubs, Woodmen of the World, Carolina Consistory, Oasis Temple of
2 the Shrine, and the Masons; and

3 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr., served his country as a member of the 371st
4 Infantry during World War I and was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart; and

5 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. was a member of the First Baptist Church in
6 Wadesboro; and

7 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. married Inez Wooten Taylor on June 28, 1923,
8 and to their union had three children, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr., Caroline Corbett Taylor, and
9 Frank Wooten Taylor; and

10 Whereas Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. died on April 12, 1964, at the age of 74; and

11 Whereas, Hoyt Patrick "Pat" Taylor, Jr. was born on April 1, 1924, in Wadesboro,
12 North Carolina; and

13 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. attended the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tennessee
14 from 1940 to 1942 and received a bachelor's degree in 1945 and a law degree in 1948 from the
15 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

16 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. served in the United States Marine Corps from 1945 to
17 1946 during World War II and from 1951 to 1952 during the Korean War; and

18 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. practiced law for many years in Wadesboro; and

19 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. served with honor and distinction in the North Carolina
20 House of Representatives for six consecutive terms between 1955 and 1966; and

21 Whereas, during his tenure in the General Assembly, Pat Taylor, Jr. was appointed
22 Chair of the Judiciary Committee and Vice-chair of the Committees on Courts and Judicial
23 Districts and Employment Security and served as a member of several other committees,
24 including Finance, Mental Institutions, Insurance, Highway Safety, and Public Utilities; and

25 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. was elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives
26 during his last term in the General Assembly; and

27 Whereas, in 1961, Pat Taylor, Jr. became the recipient of the Judge John J. Parker
28 Award, the highest award given by the North Carolina Bar Association, "for conspicuous
29 contributions to the cause of jurisprudence in North Carolina," and in recognition of his efforts
30 in persuading the General Assembly to pass legislation creating a constitutional amendment on
31 court reform; and

32 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. was the recipient of the University of North Carolina at
33 Chapel Hill School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award for "Distinction Beyond Professional
34 Excellence"; and

35 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. served as Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and as a
36 member of the State Board of Education from 1969 to 1973; and

37 Whereas, during the 1972 Democratic National Convention, Pat Taylor, Jr. was
38 among those who received votes for the Democratic Vice-Presidential nomination; and

39 Whereas, in 2005, Pat Taylor, Jr. wrote "Fourth Down and Goal to Go," an
40 anthology based on his personal and political experiences in North Carolina; and

41 Whereas, in 2008, Pat Taylor, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth Lockhart Taylor, and their
42 families were honored by Southern Piedmont Community College, when the college named the
43 newly renovated facility that houses the college's continuing education operations the
44 Lockhart-Taylor Center and later bestowed an honorary degree; and

45 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. has served on various boards and committees, including the
46 Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the General Alumni
47 Board of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the Board of Governors of The
48 University of North Carolina, a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North
49 Carolina at Greensboro, Chair of the Board of Trustees of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North
50 Carolina, and a Director of Anson Bank and Trust Company, and was a Rotarian and 32nd
51 Degree Mason; and

1 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. is a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Wadesboro;
2 and

3 Whereas, Pat Taylor, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth, have been married for almost 60
4 years and are the parents of three children, Elizabeth Ann Taylor, Hoyt Patrick Taylor, III, and
5 Adam Lockhart Taylor; Now, therefore,

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

7 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Hoyt Patrick Taylor,
8 Sr. and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for his life and
9 service to North Carolina.

10 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses high esteem and regard for the
11 accomplishments of Hoyt Patrick "Pat" Taylor, Jr. and acknowledges with gratitude the
12 distinguished service he provided to his community, State, and nation.

13 **SECTION 3.** The General Assembly also acknowledges and appreciates the
14 generous action of the Taylor family to donate the personal and political papers and records of
15 Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. to the people of North Carolina.

16 **SECTION 4.** The General Assembly, in honor of the contributions made by Hoyt
17 Patrick Taylor, Sr. and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. to the honorable bodies, further directs the
18 Legislative Services Division of the General Assembly to display a certified copy of this
19 resolution together with pictures of Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr. in a
20 prominent location within the Legislative Building.

21 **SECTION 5.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
22 resolution to the family of Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Sr. and to Hoyt Patrick Taylor, Jr.

23 **SECTION 6.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.