

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

**RESOLUTION 2010-5  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1678**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT J. "BOB"  
HENSLY, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Robert J. "Bob" Hensley, Jr. was born on June 23, 1947, in McDowell County to Robert J. Hensley, Sr. and Lelia Wise Hensley; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley grew up in Gaston County and graduated from Cherryville High School in 1965; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley earned a BA degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1969 and a JD from the North Carolina Central University School of Law in 1976; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley furthered his education by taking graduate classes in Public Administration at North Carolina State University; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley had a successful career as an attorney for more than 30 years; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley proudly served his profession as a member of the North Carolina Bar Association, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, and Wake County Academy of Criminal Trial Lawyers; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley represented the people of central Wake County with honor and distinction as a member of the House of Representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly for six terms between 1991 and 2002; and

Whereas, during his tenure in the legislature, Bob Hensley provided outstanding leadership as Chair of Judiciary and State Personnel Committees and Vice-Chair of Alcoholic Beverage Control Committee, and made significant contributions as a member of several other committees, including Appropriations Subcommittee on Education; Human Resources Subcommittee on Children, Youth and Families; Science and Technology; Insurance; Financial Institutions; State Government Performance Audit; Legislative and Local Redistricting; Rules; and Wildlife Resources; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley rendered invaluable service to his community, serving as a member of the Board of Directors of Yates Mill Associates, Inc., Rex Home Health Care, and White Plains Children's Center, as a member of Habitat for Humanity, Back-a-Child Committee for the Garner Road YMCA, and as Legal Counsel for Garner Citizens Against Drug Abuse; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Fraternity, American Society for Public Administration, and Wake County Democratic Men's Club, and served as President of Wake County Young Democrats in 1981 and State Vice-President of North Carolina Young Democrats in 1981; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Wake County; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley was awarded the J. Albert House/Gordon Gray Award for North Carolina's Most Outstanding Democrat in 1983; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley will be fondly remembered for his great sense of humor, his devotion to his family, and his unwavering spirit in defending his beliefs; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley died on August 18, 2009, at the age of 62; and

Whereas, Bob Hensley is survived by his wife, Patricia F. Grainger Hensley; three sons, Robert Hensley III, Preston Hensley, and Chris Hensley; three sisters, Shirley H. Walker, Debra Hensley, and Sarah H. Conner; and one brother, Jerry Hensley; Now, therefore,

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



**SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Robert J. "Bob" Hensley, Jr. and expresses its appreciation for his accomplishments and for the great service he gave to the State of North Carolina and the citizens of central Wake County.

**SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Robert J. "Bob" Hensley, Jr. 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 Robert J. "Bob" Hensley, Jr.

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2010.

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Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

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Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives