

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR55608-LG-241 (05/13)

Sponsors: Senator Queen.

Referred to:

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

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

5 Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wisser earned a BS degree from Ohio State University in
6 1954; an MS degree in Home Economics from Ohio State University in 1958; an MS degree in
7 Sociology from North Carolina State University in 1961; and a doctorate degree in Adult
8 Education from North Carolina State University in 1982; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser died on February 18, 2010, at the age of 78; and
2 Whereas, Betty Hutchinson Wiser was married for over 52 years to her husband,
3 Edward Wiser, who passed away on March 4, 2010; and

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

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

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

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

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

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