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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1456
Rules and Operations of the Senate Committee Substitute Joint Resolution
Adopted 9/26/02**

Sponsors:

Referred to:

June 18, 2002

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FRANCES
2 DAWSON BASDEN FOR HER SERVICE TO PENDER COUNTY.

3 Whereas, Frances Dawson was born in Vass, North Carolina, on August 30,
4 1936, to Wallace McKay Dawson and Ruby Marks Dawson; and

5 Whereas, Frances Dawson's love for people and community was noticed early
6 in her life; and

7 Whereas, Frances Dawson moved to Burgaw as a teenager, where she quickly
8 got involved in school and the school's activities; and

9 Whereas, Frances Dawson worked part-time after school in several different
10 businesses to support herself and her younger sister; and

11 Whereas, Frances Dawson graduated from Burgaw High School in 1954; and

12 Whereas, after graduation, Frances Dawson worked for the Register of Deeds
13 Office and later became the first female assistant Register of Deeds in Pender County;
14 and

15 Whereas, Frances Dawson married the love of her life, James Basden, on
16 January 8, 1955; and

17 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden accompanied her husband to Fort
18 Benning, Georgia, where he was stationed in the military and a year later returned to
19 Burgaw when her husband was sent overseas; and

20 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden worked as a medical assistant for 18 years,
21 during which time she attended Miller Mott Business School and Cape Fear Community
22 College; and

23 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden worked for the Department of Social
24 Services and later, the North Carolina Child Support Office; and

25 Whereas, in 1986, Frances Dawson Basden was elected Clerk of Court for
26 Pender County, a position she held until her death; and

27 Whereas, as Clerk of Court, Frances Dawson Basden was in the position to
28 do what she liked to do best, helping the people in her community; and

1 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden was a charter member of the Pender
2 County Rescue Squad and served as captain of the Squad for five years; and

3 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden was active in the Pender County Rotary
4 Club and served as its first female president; and

5 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden was devoted to her church, where she
6 served as choir director, pianist, teacher, and youth director; and

7 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden exhibited her love and concern for her
8 community in many ways, including collecting toys, clothing, and food for needy
9 children and families; and

10 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden was admired and respected by all who
11 knew her; and

12 Whereas, despite a busy career, Frances Dawson Basden found ample time to
13 raise a fine son, James Wallace Basden, who is married to Kimberly E. Basden, and to
14 dote on her two beautiful grandchildren, Jordan and Brad; and

15 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden died on August 11, 2001; and

16 Whereas, Frances Dawson Basden will be missed by all the many people
17 whose lives she touched; Now, therefore,

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

19 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Frances
20 Dawson Basden and expresses its appreciation for the service she rendered to the
21 citizens of Pender County and this State.

22 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its deepest sympathy to the
23 family of Frances Dawson Basden for the loss of a beloved family member.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
25 resolution to the family of Frances Dawson Basden.

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