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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1455

Sponsors: Representatives Russell, Braswell, and Pate.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

June 17, 1996

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF NANCY
2 WINBON CHASE, FORMER STATE LEGISLATOR.

3 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase was born on a farm in Wayne County on
4 October 12, 1903, to Robert Edward Winbon and Kate Davis Winbon; and

5 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase graduated from Fremont High School in
6 1921; and

7 Whereas, Nancy Winbon married John B. Chase on January 27, 1922, and
8 was the mother of two sons, John B. Chase, Jr. and Thomas Edward Chase; and

9 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase served as Chair of the North Carolina Farm
10 Bureau Women for 10 years; she received in 1956, the Bureau's Award for
11 Distinguished Service to Agriculture; and was honored in 1964 by the Progressive
12 Farmer magazine as the "South's Most Outstanding Woman of the Year"; and

13 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase's devotion to her community and State are
14 evidenced by her participation on numerous boards, organizations, and committees
15 including the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, the
16 North Carolina Farm Bureau Tobacco Advisory Committee, the Wayne County Mental
17 Health Association Board, the Wayne County Area Mental Health Board, the Board of
18 North Carolina Mental Health Foundation, the Eureka School Board, the Charles B.
19 Aycock School Board, the Board of Trustees of Wayne Community College, the Board
20 of Trustees of Louisburg College, the Advisory Committee of the North Carolina
21 School of Nursing, the Goldsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, the Wayne County
22 Sheltered Workshop Committee, the Governor's Study Commission on the Education

1 and Employment of Women, the Governor's Study Committee on Architectural
2 Barriers, and the Charles B. Aycock Birthplace Committee; and

3 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase was a devoted member of the Democratic
4 Party; in 1962, she was named Democratic Woman of the Year in Wayne County, and
5 was also Democratic Woman of the Third District; and in 1964, she was named
6 Democratic Woman of the Year for the State; and

7 Whereas, in 1962, Nancy Winbon Chase was elected as the first woman from
8 Wayne County to serve in the State House of Representatives; and

9 Whereas, during her 16-year tenure in the General Assembly, Nancy Winbon
10 Chase was a very effective legislator and was a particularly strong advocate of mental
11 health and education issues; and

12 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase was held in high esteem by her colleagues in
13 the General Assembly until her retirement in 1978; and

14 Whereas, in recognition of her devoted service and dedication to many
15 causes, Nancy Winbon Chase was honored with numerous awards throughout her
16 lifetime. The awards and honors she received include "Nancy Chase Day" at Eureka
17 Elementary School in 1990, the "Honor of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine" in 1985, the
18 North Carolina Award for Outstanding Public Service in 1982, the Irene McCain
19 McFarland Award for outstanding services in mental health in 1973, the Paul B. Smith
20 Distinguished Citizen Award by the North Carolina Council of Child Psychiatry in
21 1971, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Arthritis Foundation in 1969; and

22 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase's papers and pictures were chosen for
23 inclusion in the Southern Historical Collection in the Wilson Library at the University
24 of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1982; and

25 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase was a member of the Eureka United
26 Methodist Church, where she served in many capacities, including as a Sunday School
27 teacher for many years; and

28 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase was an Honorary Life Patron of the Women's
29 Society of Christian Service; and

30 Whereas, with the passing of Nancy Winbon Chase on November 2, 1994, at
31 the age of 91, the State of North Carolina lost one of its most beloved and respected
32 citizens; and

33 Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase is survived by two daughters-in-law, Janice
34 Sasser Chase of Eureka and Jean Cox Chase of Hilton Head, South Carolina; a
35 grandson, Johnny Chase of Eureka, three granddaughters, Nancy Chase of Decatur,
36 Georgia, Jeanie Chase of Columbia, South Carolina, and Lu Chase Massey of Eureka; a
37 grandson-in-law, and two great-grandchildren;

38 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

39 Section 1. The General Assembly expresses its deep appreciation for the life
40 and accomplishments of Nancy Winbon Chase and for the great service she rendered to
41 the State, Wayne County, and her community.

42 Sec. 2. The General Assembly wishes to express its sorrow upon the loss of
43 an outstanding citizen of the State and wishes to express its sympathy to the family of
44 Nancy Winbon Chase.

1 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
2 to the family of Nancy Winbon Chase.

3 Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.