

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1308

Sponsors: Senator Block.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

May 15, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ADDISON
2 HEWLETT, JR., A FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES.

4 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., was born at Masonboro Sound near
5 Wilmington, North Carolina, where his family had resided for more than seven
6 generations, on May 4, 1912, the son of Addison Hewlett, Sr., and administrator and
7 farmer from Masonboro Sound and Ethel Lucas Herring, a teacher from Pender County;
8 and

9 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., was educated in the public schools of New
10 Hanover County, attending Masonboro Elementary School and New Hanover High
11 School before attending Wake Forest College and being graduated from Wake Forest
12 Law School in 1934; and

13 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., returned to Wilmington where he entered into
14 the practice of law in 1934; and

15 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., met, wooed, and married Annie Crockett
16 Williams on June 19, 1939, the family being completed with the birth of a son,
17 Theodore Herring Hewlett; and

18 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., entered the service of his country in 1942,
19 starting his service in the U.S. Army Air Corps as a private in 1942 and separating from
20 service as a Captain in 1946 after receiving the air medal for 22 missions flown over
21 enemy territory and returning to the practice of law in Wilmington; and

1 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., returned to Masonboro Sound where he
2 followed his father, who had been a New Hanover County Commissioner for 36 years,
3 32 as chairman of the board, entering politics and a life of public service; and

4 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., served his profession as President of the
5 New Hanover County Bar Association and the North Carolina Bar Association; and

6 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., served his State as a member of the General
7 Assembly serving in the 1951, 1953, 1955, and 1957 Sessions before capping his
8 membership in the General Assembly by serving as Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives during the 1959 Session; and

10 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., was instrumental in improving the higher
11 education of this State, serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest
12 College, Campbell College, and Wilmington College; he pushed in the General
13 Assembly for measures that transformed Wilmington College into the University of
14 North Carolina at Wilmington where he received the first honorary Doctorate awarded
15 by UNC-W in 1971 and then served as a Trustee from 1973 to 1985; and

16 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., considered a run for Governor in 1960 and
17 after announcing his decision not to seek that office, he was convinced by a public
18 outpouring to run for United States Senator but was defeated by Senator B. Everett
19 Jordan in the primary election; and

20 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., also served on the North Carolina Board of
21 Higher Education and as Chairman of the Marine Science Council; and

22 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., was a deacon of the Masonboro Baptist
23 Church which his great-grandfather founded more than 100 years ago; and

24 Whereas, Addison Hewlett, Jr., died after a life of distinction and public
25 service, on February 5, 1989;

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

27 Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of
28 Addison Hewlett, Jr., a former Speaker of the House of Representatives, and expresses
29 the deep gratitude and appreciation of the State and its citizens for his life and service.

30 Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina expresses its deepest
31 sympathy to the family and friends of Addison Hewlett, Jr. for the loss of their loved
32 one and friend.

33 Sec. 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
34 to the family of Addison Hewlett, Jr.

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