

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1019
Adopted 6/25/12**

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

May 22, 2012

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ALAN THOMAS
2 DICKSON, BUSINESS LEADER.

3 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was born April 3, 1931, in Charlotte, to Rush S.
4 Dickson and Lake Simpson Dickson; and

5 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson graduated from the McCallie School in
6 Chattanooga, Tennessee, and earned a BS degree in Textiles from North Carolina State
7 University in 1953 and an MBA degree from Harvard University in 1955; and

8 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson spent two years in the United States Army before
9 returning to Charlotte and working for American & Efird Mills; and

10 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson held a number of positions at American & Efird
11 Mills and became the company's president in 1967; and

12 Whereas, in 1968, Alan Thomas Dickson and his brother, Stuart, founded Ruddick
13 Corporation; and

14 Whereas, the Ruddick Corporation purchased the Harris Teeter grocery chain in
15 1969, and, as the company's holdings grew, the corporation become a Fortune 500 company;
16 and

17 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson served as president of Ruddick Corporation and
18 later as the board's chair until his retirement in 2010; and

19 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson served as President of the North Carolina Textile
20 Foundation, the first President of American Yarn Spinners Association, and as a director of
21 Combed Yarn Spinners Association and the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association;
22 and

23 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was a member of the board of directors of the Bank
24 of America, Lance, Bassett Furniture Industries, Sonoco Products, and Royal & Sun Alliance
25 Insurance; and

26 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson distinguished himself in his community as a
27 founding trustee of the Charlotte Latin School and a trustee of the Central Piedmont
28 Community College; as a member of the Foundation for the Carolinas, the Arts & Science
29 Council, the Mint Museum, and the Presbyterian Hospital Foundation; and

30 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson served as a trustee of the Morehead-Cain
31 Scholarship Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1964 to 2006, and
32 during that time served as Chair for 21 years; and



1 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson also helped to establish the U.S. National
2 Whitewater Center on the Catawba River and contributed to the development of the UNC
3 Nutrition Research Institute in Kannapolis; and

4 Whereas, among his many honors and recognitions, Alan Thomas Dickson received
5 the William Richardson Davie Award from the Board of Trustees of the University of North
6 Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2006, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the McCallie School
7 in 1997, the Watauga Medal in 1996, and the College of Textiles Distinguished Alumnus
8 Award in 1993 from North Carolina State University, and was granted an honorary degree from
9 North Carolina State University in 2001; and

10 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was elected to the North Carolina Business Hall of
11 Fame in 2002; and

12 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was a faithful member of the Christ Episcopal
13 Church in Charlotte; and

14 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson died on May 3, 2012, at the age of 81; and

15 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was preceded in death by his first wife, Lindsay
16 Morehead Dickson; and

17 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson is survived by his wife of 20 years, Mary Anne
18 Dickson; his stepdaughter, Chase Avery Wood, her husband, Hubie, and their children, Catie
19 and Hubert; his stepson, Chris Avery, his wife, Beth, and their children Meg and O'Neal; and
20 his siblings Stuart Dickson, Barbara Scott, and Jane Williamson; Now, therefore,

21 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

22 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Alan Thomas
23 Dickson, a successful businessman, entrepreneur, and citizen who made great contributions to
24 his industry, community, State, and nation.

25 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives extends its sympathy to the family of
26 Alan Thomas Dickson for the loss of a beloved family member.

27 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
28 to the family of Alan Thomas Dickson.

29 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.