

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2064
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Sponsors: Senators Berger of Rockingham; Rand, Garrou, Brunstetter, Albertson, Allran, Apodaca, Atwater, Berger of Franklin, Bingham, Blake, Bland, Boseman, Brock, Brown, Dannelly, Dorsett, East, Forrester, Goodall, Graham, Hartsell, Holloman, Hunt, Jacumin, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Lucas, Malone, Pittenger, Presnell, Purcell, Snow, Soles, Stevens, Swindell, Tillman, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Rules Suspended; Calendar 7/12/06.

July 10, 2006

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HAMILTON
2 COWLES HORTON, JR., FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Hamilton Cowles Horton, Jr. was born in Winston-Salem on
4 August 6, 1931, to Hamilton Cowles Horton and Virginia Lee Wiggins Horton; and

5 Whereas, Ham Horton was a devoted member of the Calvary Moravian
6 Church. He began playing the trumpet in the Moravian Band at age seven, later
7 progressed to the tuba, and continued playing at Easter Sunrise Services for 68 years;
8 and

9 Whereas, Ham Horton graduated from R.J. Reynolds High School in 1949
10 and, ever mindful of the lessons to be derived from the past, earned an A.B. in History
11 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1953 and an L.L.B. from the
12 School of Law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1956; and

13 Whereas, Ham Horton served in the United States Navy from 1956 to 1960,
14 achieving the rank of Lieutenant; and

15 Whereas, Ham Horton practiced law and proudly served his profession as a
16 member of the North Carolina Bar Association and as President of both the Forsyth
17 County Bar Association and the 21st District Bar Association from 1989 to 1990; and

18 Whereas, Ham Horton harbored a noble devotion to public service, serving
19 with honor and distinction as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives
20 from 1969 to 1970 and the North Carolina Senate from 1971 to 1974 and 1995 to 2005;
21 and

22 Whereas, Senator Horton was a true preservationist in matters of architecture,
23 history, culture, and the environment; and

1 Whereas, Senator Horton was a man of both classical sensibility and a touch
2 of whimsy who translated the Capital Press Corps' motto into Latin – Usquam Alius
3 Insolens, or "Anywhere else, we'd just be considered rude"; and

4 Whereas, Senator Horton regaled and delighted listeners with his lyrical
5 soliloquies, rhapsodizing about the sacrament of country ham amid "the pantheon of
6 North Carolina foods"; the "forbidden fruit" of fireworks smuggled into the State by
7 adolescents; how a move to settle an election in the legislature was "as inappropriate as
8 wearing brogans to a white-tie wedding;" the "oleaginous" nature of a State budget; and
9 the importance of retaining naked Native Americans on the Senate Coat of Arms, which
10 he traced to a grant of arms to Sir Walter Raleigh's colony on Roanoke Island in 1586;
11 and

12 Whereas, Ham Horton received numerous awards, including the Carraway
13 Award from Preservation North Carolina in 1997 and the Outdoor Recreation
14 Achievement Award from the United States Department of the Interior in 1976; and

15 Whereas, Ham Horton remained ever the optimist, resolutely planting his
16 mustard and turnip greens during his final months and teaching his daughter the fine art
17 of biscuit-making; and

18 Whereas, Ham Horton died on January 31, 2006, at the age of 74; and

19 Whereas, Ham Horton is survived by his wife, Evelyn Hanes Moore Horton,
20 and a daughter, Rosalie Horton; Now, therefore,

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

22 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly designates Hamilton Cowles Horton,
23 Jr. a North Carolina Institution and honors his life and memory in appreciation for his
24 service.

25 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the
26 family and friends of Hamilton Cowles Horton, Jr. and mourns the loss of the
27 Renaissance man, a devoted and humble public servant.

28 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this
29 resolution to the family of Hamilton Cowles Horton, Jr.

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