

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1995 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 20
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1489

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, Nancy Winbon Chase's devotion to her community and State are evidenced by her participation on numerous boards, organizations, and committees including the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, the North Carolina Farm Bureau Tobacco Advisory Committee, the Wayne County Mental Health Association Board, the Wayne County Area Mental Health Board, the Board of North Carolina Mental Health Foundation, the Eureka School Board, the Charles B. Aycock School Board, the Board of Trustees of Wayne Community College, the Board of Trustees of Louisburg College, the Advisory Committee of the North Carolina School of Nursing, the Goldsboro Area Chamber of Commerce, the Wayne County Sheltered Workshop Committee, the Governor's Study Commission on the Education and Employment of Women, the Governor's Study Committee on Architectural Barriers, and the Charles B. Aycock Birthplace Committee; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 18th day of June, 1996.

Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives