

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2011**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR80106-LG-52 (02/15)

Sponsors: Representative Farmer-Butterfield.

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JEANNE TUCKER
2 FENNER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, Jeanne Tucker Fenner was born on September 3, 1933, in Washington,
4 DC, to Herbert A. Tucker and Geraldine Struble Tucker; and

5 Whereas, Jeanne Tucker Fenner attended Atlantic Christian College; and

6 Whereas, Jeanne Tucker Fenner took an active role in many organizations, serving
7 as President of the North Carolina Association for Retarded Citizens, Chair of the North
8 Carolina Guardianship Council, a charter member of the Wilson Arc, and as a member of the
9 Advisory Committee for Youthful Offenders Project in Wilson County, the Wilson Civitan
10 Club, the Board of Directors of St. John A.M.E. Day Care Center, and the North Carolina Task
11 Force on Disability Review; and

12 Whereas, after being appointed to fill a vacancy in the North Carolina House of
13 Representatives in 1980, Jeanne Tucker Fenner was elected to two additional terms in 1981 and
14 1983, and served with honor and distinction and represented the people of Wilson, Nash, and
15 Edgecombe Counties; and

16 Whereas, during her tenure in the General Assembly, Jeanne Tucker Fenner was
17 chair of the Commissions and Schools for the Blind and Deaf, vice-chair of Governmental
18 Ethics and Mental Health, and a member of several other committees, including
19 Appropriations, Education, Health, Judiciary, and State Government; and

20 Whereas, Jeanne Tucker Fenner was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in
21 Wilson, where she served as a Sunday school teacher and circle Bible moderator; and

22 Whereas, Jeanne Tucker Fenner was honored as Layman of the Year in 1976 by the
23 North Carolina Association for Retarded Citizens and Legislator of the Year in 1981 by the
24 North Carolina Mental Health Centers Association; received the Service to Mankind Award in
25 1978 from the Wilson Sertoma Club; received both the Dybward International Award in 1979
26 and the National Member of the Year Award in 1980 from the National Association for
27 Retarded Citizens; and received the Distinguished Service Award in 1983 from the Association
28 of Directors of Developmental Disability Centers; and

29 Whereas, Jeanne Tucker Fenner died on December 23, 2010, at the age of 77; and

30 Whereas, Jeanne Tucker Fenner is survived by her husband, William Fenner, Sr.;
31 her children, William, Edwin, Thomas, Elizabeth, and Ashley; her twin sister, Dawn Matthews;
32 three other sisters; four brothers; and eight grandchildren; Now, therefore,
33 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

34 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Jeanne Tucker
35 Fenner and expresses the appreciation of this body for the service she rendered to the State and
36 her community.



- 1 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives extends its deepest sympathy to the
- 2 family of Jeanne Tucker Fenner for the loss of a beloved family member.
- 3 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
- 4 to the family of Jeanne Tucker Fenner.
- 5 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.