

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1975 SESSION

RESOLUTION 31  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 447

A JOINT RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE SEVENTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY OF  
HOWELL JOHN HATCHER, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, Howell John Hatcher, was born in Carroll County, Virginia, on March 13, 1900, and celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday on March 13, 1975; and

Whereas, Mr. Hatcher, better known across North Carolina as "Doggie", has devoted a lifetime of unselfish and distinguished service to the State of North Carolina and his country; and

Whereas, Mr. Hatcher graduated from Mt. Airy High School, Trinity College (now Duke University) and Duke University Law School, and while attending Trinity College he played four years of football and was selected as an All Southern Conference tackle; and

Whereas, after passing the North Carolina bar in 1924, Mr. Hatcher served as a football coach and athletic director before entering private law practice; and

Whereas, Mr. Hatcher has had a distinguished career as an attorney, serving as a judge and President of the Burke County Bar Association and as Chief Counsel on the Committee on Investigations for the U. S. Senate, 1949-1953; and

Whereas, Mr. Hatcher served more than 30 years of military service, serving first as a private and finally as a Brigadier General with the National Guard. While serving in World War II he received four American decorations, three foreign decorations, and five battle stars; and

Whereas, Mr. Hatcher has given dedicated public service to the State of North Carolina serving as a Representative in the General Assembly from 1935 to 1937, and in the Senate 1941 to 1943 and again in 1963. He served as Commander of the State Highway Patrol from 1945 to 1949; and

Whereas, Mr. Hatcher has also engaged in an active career as a civic leader as a Woodman of the World, as a Mason, a member of Knights of Pythias, Loyal Order of Moose, and as President of the Kiwanis Club; and

Whereas, he was married to Faith Adair on January 27, 1927, and has two sons, Howell J., Jr., and Franklin Adair;

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

**Section 1.** That the General Assembly of North Carolina does express its appreciation to Howell John Hatcher as an outstanding public servant and a loyal citizen, and does congratulate him on his seventy-fifth birthday.

**Sec. 2.** That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mr. Hatcher at his address, Box 666, Morganton, North Carolina.

**Sec. 3.** That this resolution shall become effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 8th day of April, 1975.