## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA 1985 SESSION RATIFIED BILL

## RESOLUTION 7 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 375

## A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF RUTH WHETSTONE HOLMES.

Whereas, Ruth Whetstone Holmes, beloved wife of Thomas H. Holmes, devoted mother of Thomas Scott Holmes and Jennifer Holmes Brock, and grandmother of two grandsons, Christopher Daniel Brock and Erikson Scott Brock, after a courageous

and inspiring battle against cancer, died on December 20, 1984; and

Whereas, Ruth Holmes maintained a lifelong interest in public affairs of her State and nation by serving in many capacities in the General Assembly; as Committee Clerk in 1967 to Representative Thorne Gregory, Chairman of the House Finance Committee; as Executive Secretary to Speaker of the House Philip Godwin in 1971; as Committee Clerk to Senator Philip Godwin in 1973; as Receptionist from 1973 to 1979; and as Administrative Assistant to Senator W. Craig Lawing during his tenure as President Pro Tempore from 1979 to 1984; and

Whereas, Ruth Holmes touched the lives of those about her through her loyalty, diligence and perseverence, leaving with them enduring memories of her zest for

life, her belief in God and her strength and encouragement to others; and

Whereas, Ruth Holmes is and has been mourned by her countless friends and associates who through the years benefited from her good work, enjoyed her friendship, respected and heeded her wise counsel, and shared and sought to return the love, loyalty, devotion, and kindness she gave;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina expresses its appreciation for the life and accomplishments of Ruth Holmes for her devotion, great courage and determination in serving this body and the people of this State and nation.

Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Ruth Holmes for the loss of a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, friend and public servant.

Sec. 3. The Secretary of State is directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Ruth Holmes.

Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 24th day of April, 1985.