

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1989

S

1

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1313

Sponsors: Senators Rauch; Chalk, Harris, Martin of Guilford, Royall, and Shaw.

Referred to: Calendared for 5/22/89.

May 18, 1989

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF HARGROVE
2 (SKIPPER) BOWLES, JR.

3 Whereas, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr., was born in Monroe, North
4 Carolina, on November 16, 1919; and

5 Whereas, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr., attended public schools and The
6 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

7 Whereas, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr., was an astute and accomplished
8 businessman who always sought to integrate his interest and success in commerce with
9 his social, civic and public interests. He was involved with such companies as Bowles,
10 Hollowell, Conner and Company as Chairman of the Board, First Union Corporation as
11 Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee, Carlyle and
12 Company Jewelers as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and of the Executive
13 Committee, Rauch Industries, Inc., as Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, and as a
14 Director of Oakwood Homes Corporation; and

15 Whereas, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr., believed politics was an honorable
16 profession and was a good vehicle for positive action to help people. His desire to serve
17 his fellow citizens caused him to spend four years as Chairman of the North Carolina
18 Department of Conservation and Development, two years as a member of the North
19 Carolina House of Representatives, and four years as a member of the North Carolina
20 Senate. He was also the Democratic Party's nominee for Governor in 1972; and

21 Whereas, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr., loved The University of North
22 Carolina and served the University for many years as a member of the Board of
23 Directors and then as President of The Educational Foundation and as a member of the

1 University Board of Trustees and as its Chairman. He was also Chairman of the fund-
2 raising committee to build the Student Activities Center. Perhaps his greatest service
3 came as a result of his interest in the problem of alcoholism as evidenced by his work
4 with the Center for Alcohol Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
5 where he was the driving force in the public awareness of and commitment to the work
6 of the Center; and

7 Whereas, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr.'s, sphere of public service knew no
8 geographical boundaries as evidenced by his being State Chairman of the North
9 Carolina Heart Association, National Board Associate for the Boys' Club of America
10 and also as Chairman of the North Carolina Partners of the Alliance (People to People
11 Program between North Carolina and Bolivia, South America, sponsored by the United
12 States Department of State); and

13 Whereas, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr., "never knew a stranger" because he
14 genuinely cared for every person he met, especially the downtrodden and those out of
15 luck, and he was always quietly helping folks with problems without their ever knowing
16 from whence came the help; and

17 Whereas, Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr.'s, life might be described by some
18 by his involvement in cultural, political, educational, or social activities, his love and
19 devotion to his family were known by all: his wife, Deziree, his brothers, John Bowles,
20 R. Kelly Bowles, and James Bowles, his children, Hargrove Bowles, III, Erskine B.
21 Bowles, Mary Holland Bowles Blanton, and Martha Thomas Bowles, and
22 grandchildren; and

23 Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Hargrove
24 (Skipper) Bowles, Jr., and to recognize his many years of service to his beloved State
25 and his fellow citizens;

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

27 Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina recognizes the many
28 accomplishments of Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr., and expresses the gratitude and
29 appreciation of North Carolina and its citizens for his life and service towards the
30 betterment of all.

31 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
32 to the family of Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles, Jr.

33 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.