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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1019

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May 22, 2012

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ALAN THOMAS
2 DICKSON, BUSINESS LEADER.

3 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was born April 3, 1931, in Charlotte, to Rush S.
4 Dickson and Lake Simpson Dickson; and

5 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson graduated from the McCallie School in
6 Chattanooga, Tennessee, and earned a BS degree in Textiles from North Carolina State
7 University in 1953 and an MBA degree from Harvard University in 1955; and

8 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson spent two years in the United States Army before
9 returning to Charlotte and working for American & Efirid Mills; and

10 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson held a number of positions at American & Efirid
11 Mills and became the company's president in 1967; and

12 Whereas, in 1968, Alan Thomas Dickson and his brother, Stuart, founded Ruddick
13 Corporation; and

14 Whereas, the Ruddick Corporation purchased the Harris Teeter grocery chain in
15 1969, and, as the company's holdings grew, the corporation become a Fortune 500 company;
16 and

17 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson served as president of Ruddick Corporation and
18 later as the board's chair until his retirement in 2010; and

19 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson served as President of the North Carolina Textile
20 Foundation, the first President of American Yarn Spinners Association, and as a director of
21 Combed Yarn Spinners Association and the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association;
22 and

23 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was a member of the board of directors of the Bank
24 of America, Lance, Bassett Furniture Industries, Sonoco Products, and Royal & Sun Alliance
25 Insurance; and

26 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson distinguished himself in his community as a
27 founding trustee of the Charlotte Latin School and a trustee of the Central Piedmont
28 Community College; as a member of the Foundation for the Carolinas, the Arts & Science
29 Council, the Mint Museum, and the Presbyterian Hospital Foundation; and

30 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson served as a trustee of the Morehead-Cain
31 Scholarship Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1964 to 2006, and
32 during that time served as Chair for 21 years; and

33 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson also helped to establish the U.S. National
34 Whitewater Center on the Catawba River and contributed to the development of the UNC
35 Nutrition Research Institute in Kannapolis; and



1 Whereas, among his many honors and recognitions, Alan Thomas Dickson received
2 the William Richardson Davie Award from the Board of Trustees of the University of North
3 Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2006, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the McCallie School
4 in 1997, the Watauga Medal in 1996, and the College of Textiles Distinguished Alumnus
5 Award in 1993 from North Carolina State University, and was granted an honorary degree from
6 North Carolina State University in 2001; and

7 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was elected to the North Carolina Business Hall of
8 Fame in 2002; and

9 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was a faithful member of the Christ Episcopal
10 Church in Charlotte; and

11 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson died on May 3, 2012, at the age of 81; and

12 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson was preceded in death by his first wife, Lindsay
13 Morehead Dickson; and

14 Whereas, Alan Thomas Dickson is survived by his wife of 20 years, Mary Anne
15 Dickson; his stepdaughter, Chase Avery Wood, her husband, Hubie, and their children, Catie
16 and Hubert; his stepson, Chris Avery, his wife, Beth, and their children Meg and O'Neal; and
17 his siblings Stuart Dickson, Barbara Scott, and Jane Williamson; Now, therefore,
18 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

19 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Alan Thomas
20 Dickson, a successful businessman, entrepreneur, and citizen who made great contributions to
21 his industry, community, State, and nation.

22 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives extends its sympathy to the family of
23 Alan Thomas Dickson for the loss of a beloved family member.

24 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
25 to the family of Alan Thomas Dickson.

26 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.