

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 23
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 444

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR. ELLEN
BLACK WINSTON.

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston was born in Bryson City on August 15, 1903; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston was educated in the North Carolina public schools, was graduated from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and received her M. A. and PhD in sociology from the University of Chicago; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston worked in the field of social welfare for over 40 years and was one of the most active and dedicated national figures in this field, making numerous contributions in the areas of aging and homemaker-home health aide service; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston served as the North Carolina Commissioner of Public Welfare from 1944 until 1962; and

Whereas, in 1963, Dr. Ellen Black Winston was appointed the first United States Commissioner of Welfare in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston's service as Commissioner of Welfare included directing the Bureau of Family Services, the Children's Bureau, the Office of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Development, and the Cuban Refugee Program; and

Whereas, as Commissioner of Welfare, Dr. Ellen Black Winston put the resources of the Welfare Administration behind the development of homemaker services, working with the National Council for Homemaker Services; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston served as Chair of the Governor's Advisory Committee for the 1971 White House Conference on Aging and, at the Conference, chaired both the Section on Facilities, Programs, and Resources, and the special concerns meeting on Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston was a founding member of the National Association of Social Workers and the first recipient of the North Carolina Chapter's annual Social Worker of the Year award; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston also served as Membership Chairman and Chairman of the United States Committee of the International Council on Social Welfare; Vice-President of the International Council of Homehelps; President of the National Council for Homemaker-Home Health Aide Services; President of the National Council on the Aging; Deputy Chairman for the 1981 White House Conference on Aging; and in numerous other positions; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston guided the State Council for Social Legislation, spanning five decades of dedicated service; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston's honors and awards, too numerous to be listed, include honorary degrees from a number of schools including Duke and The University of North Carolina; the Distinguished Service Award of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 1967; the North Carolina Award for Public Service, 1974; and the establishment by North Carolina State University of the Ellen Winston Lecture and Development Fund in Social Work within the Humanities Foundation in 1982; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston wrote a number of books and several hundred articles concerning issues in social welfare policy and legislation, with special focus on public welfare, aging, and in-home service; and

Whereas, Dr. Ellen Black Winston died June 19, 1984, leaving her brother Fletcher Black of Florida; and

Whereas, the General Assembly wishes to honor the memory of Dr. Ellen Black Winston and recognize her many years of public service to the people of this State and of the United States;

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

Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina honors the memory of Dr. Ellen Black Winston and expresses the gratitude and appreciation of this State and its citizens for her life and devoted service to North Carolina. The General Assembly pauses to recognize Dr. Ellen Black Winston's unparalleled contributions to the State and the nation in the areas of social welfare, aging, and in-home care.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall send a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Dr. Ellen Black Winston.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 19th day of June, 1985.