

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 758

Sponsors: Representatives Womble; Decker, Gray, Oldham, and Sexton.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

March 26, 2001

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF CHARLES
2 CALLOWAY "C.C." ROSS, CIVIC LEADER, BUSINESS OWNER,
3 POLITICIAN, AND EDUCATOR.

4 Whereas, Charles Calloway "C.C." Ross, Sr. was a native of Mound Bayou,
5 Mississippi; and

6 Whereas, C.C. Ross received a Bachelors of Science degree from Hampton
7 Institute; and

8 Whereas, C.C. Ross taught at Atkins High School in Winston-Salem and later
9 at West Virginia State College; and

10 Whereas, C.C. Ross was the owner and operator of C.C. Ross Painting and
11 Decorating Company; and

12 Whereas, in 1965, C.C. Ross was the first alderman to represent the East
13 Ward of the City of Winston-Salem and was elected to three additional terms, during
14 which time he served as Mayor Pro Tempore, Chair of the Finance Committee, and as a
15 member of the Public Safety Committee and Recreation Committee; and

16 Whereas, from 1969 to 1982, C.C. Ross served as a member of the
17 Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees, during which time he became the
18 first African-American to be named Chair; and

19 Whereas, C.C. Ross helped secure funding to improve classroom facilities at
20 Winston-Salem State University and to have the university included in the City's
21 downtown corridor; and

22 Whereas, in 1979, Southern National Bank, formerly Forsyth Bank & Trust
23 Co., endowed a merit scholarship in honor of C.C. Ross, who was a charter member of
24 the bank, at Winston-Salem State University's School of Business; and

25 Whereas, in 1983, C.C. Ross received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters
26 from Winston-Salem State University; and

27 Whereas, C.C. Ross was a fair housing advocate and served on the Board of
28 Directors of the Winston-Salem Housing Foundation, Inc., for more than 24 years; and

1 Whereas, in 1992, the Board of Directors of the Winston-Salem Housing
2 Foundation, Inc., renamed a residence facility for the elderly in honor of C.C. Ross; and

3 Whereas, C.C. Ross served as vice president and member of the Executive
4 Committee of the local chapter of the NAACP; and

5 Whereas, C.C. Ross served as a member of the Bowman Gray Stadium
6 Commission, Salem Lake Fishing Commission, Coliseum and Convention Center
7 Commission, Model Cities Committee, Personnel Advisory Committee, and the
8 Winston-Salem Advisory Committee on Transportation; and

9 Whereas, C.C. Ross served his country as a member of the United States
10 Army; and

11 Whereas, C.C. Ross was a member of the Our Lady of Mercy Catholic
12 Church; and

13 Whereas, C.C. Ross died on November 9, 1996; and

14 Whereas, C.C. Ross is survived by his wife, Dorothy Walls Ross, a son,
15 Charles Ross, Jr., and a daughter, Denise B. Eaton; and

16 Whereas, C.C. Ross will be remembered as a dedicated community leader, a
17 staunch supporter of Winston-Salem State University, and a beloved husband, father,
18 and friend; Now, therefore,

19 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

20 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Charles
21 Calloway "C.C." Ross, Sr. and extends its appreciation for the service he rendered to the
22 City of Winston-Salem, Winston-Salem State University, and his community.

23 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly expresses its deepest sympathy to the
24 family of Charles Calloway "C.C." Ross, Sr. for the loss of their family member.

25 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
26 resolution to the family of Charles Calloway "C.C." Ross, Sr.

27 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.