

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 361

Sponsors: Representatives Womble, Parmon, and Brown (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

February 23, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF DR. CARTER
2 G. WOODSON IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

3 Whereas, since 1976, February has been recognized as Black History Month
4 across the United States; and

5 Whereas, Black History Month evolved from "Negro History Week", which
6 was established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard-educated
7 African-American author and scholar, who wanted to bring national attention to the
8 contributions African-Americans had made to this country; and

9 Whereas, Black History Month serves as a time to reflect upon past sacrifices
10 and accomplishments of African-Americans and to contemplate future goals in
11 correcting the disparities that exist between African-Americans and other races; and

12 Whereas, African-Americans have played significant roles in the history of
13 North Carolina's economic, cultural, and social development; and

14 Whereas, North Carolina serves as the birthplace of numerous influential
15 leaders and role models in their fields, including North Carolina Supreme Court Justice
16 Henry Frye, Educators Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown and Dr. Simon Green Atkins,
17 Politician George Henry White, Newspaper Editor Alex Manly, Businessman John
18 Merrick, Craftsman Thomas Day, Musicians Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane, and
19 Athletes Meadowlark Lemon and Sugar Ray Leonard; and

20 Whereas, it is important to recognize and acknowledge that black history is
21 American history; Now, therefore,

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

23 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of Dr.
24 Carter G. Woodson for establishing Black History Month.

25 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly acknowledges the contributions that
26 African-Americans have made to this State and encourages all North Carolinians to
27 observe Black History Month.

28 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.