

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 361
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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 have made to this country; and

9 Whereas, Dr. Carter G. Woodson died on April 3, 1950; and

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

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

15 Whereas, North Carolina is the birthplace of numerous influential
16 African-American leaders and role models in their fields, including North Carolina
17 Supreme Court Justice Henry E. Frye, educators Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown and Dr.
18 Simon Green Atkins, politician George Henry White, newspaper editor Alex Manly,
19 businessman John H. Merrick, craftsman Thomas Day, musicians Thelonious Monk and
20 John Coltrane, and athletes George "Meadowlark" Lemon and Ray Charles "Sugar Ray"
21 Leonard; and

22 Whereas, it is important to recognize and acknowledge that Black history is
23 American history; Now, therefore,

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

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

27 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly acknowledges Black History Month
28 and encourages all North Carolinians to join in observing Black History Month.

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