

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 2001  
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2001-15  
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 758**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

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Beverly E. Perdue  
President of the Senate

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James B. Black  
Speaker of the House of Representatives