

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009
RATIFIED BILL**

**RESOLUTION 2009-14
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 343**

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROSCOE JACOBS,
SR., FORMER CHIEF OF THE WACCAMAW SIOUAN TRIBE.

Whereas, Roscoe Jacobs, Sr. was born on February 18, 1922, in Columbus County, North Carolina, to Jerry Jacobs and Lucinda Patrick Jacobs; and

Whereas, Roscoe Jacobs, Sr. was a member of the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe and one of the Tribe's first members to graduate from high school, an accomplishment made possible by his moving to Sampson County to attend high school with members of the Coharie Indians; and

Whereas, Roscoe Jacobs, Sr. married Ella Marie Brewington on April 20, 1941, and their union was blessed with four sons, Roscoe Jr., Sammie, Elton, and Carl, and two daughters, Jacqueline and Jessie; and

Whereas, Roscoe Jacobs, Sr. made a living as a Job Developer for the Lumbee Regional Development Association for Columbus and Bladen Counties and as a Community Developer for Four County Community Services, Inc.; and

Whereas, Roscoe Jacobs, Sr. became a leader of the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe and was elected as the Tribe's first Chief in April 2005; and

Whereas, Chief Jacobs not only worked for the betterment of his Tribe but also for his community, actively participating as a member of numerous organizations, including the Columbus County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Indian Education Parent Committee, International Paper Community Advisory Board, Cape Fear Council of Government Region O, Advisory Council for the Aging, Home Care Community Block Grant Committee, Hallsboro Middle School Advisory Board, Hurricane Disaster Relief Advisory Board, North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, and the Waccamaw Siouan Tribal Council; and

Whereas, Chief Jacobs was a founder of the Buckhead Fire and Rescue Department and the moderator for the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association; and

Whereas, Chief Jacobs was a member of the New Hope Baptist Church, where he served as a Sunday school teacher and Sunday school superintendent, and provided assistance to members of the Church who needed help; and

Whereas, Chief Jacobs was honored for his good works, receiving the Elder of the Year Award from the United Tribes of North Carolina, a Certificate of Appreciation from Governor James G. Martin, and a Proclamation of Recognition of Chief of the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe from the Columbus County Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, Chief Jacobs died on January 27, 2009, at the age of 86; and

Whereas, Chief Jacobs is survived by three sons, Sammie Jacobs, Elton Ray Jacobs, and Carl Jacobs; two daughters, Jacqueline Young and Jessie Delaney; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; Now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Chief Roscoe Jacobs, Sr. and expresses its appreciation for the service he rendered his community, the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe, and the State.



SECTION 2. The General Assembly extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Chief Roscoe Jacobs, Sr. for the loss of a beloved family member.

SECTION 3. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Chief Roscoe Jacobs, Sr.

SECTION 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 5th day of May, 2009.

Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

Joe Hackney
Speaker of the House of Representatives