

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION DRSJR55489-LG-856 (06/01)

Sponsors: Senator Lucas.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF JOHN
2 CLARENCE "J.C." SCARBOROUGH, SR., BUSINESS OWNER,
3 HUMANITARIAN, AND CIVIC LEADER.

4 Whereas, on June 6, 1906, John Clarence "J.C." Scarborough, Sr., completed
5 the requirements to become a licensed funeral director and embalmer, making him the
6 first African-American to be licensed in these professions in the State of North
7 Carolina; and

8 Whereas, J.C. Scarborough, Sr., received his mortuary training at the
9 Renouard School of Mortuary Science in New York, New York from 1905 to 1906, and
10 thus was one of the first African-Americans in the country to graduate from a mortuary
11 school; and

12 Whereas, after receiving his license, J.C. Scarborough, Sr., established a
13 funeral home in the City of Durham, which has continued to thrive under the direction
14 of his family, including his grandson, John C. Scarborough, III; and

15 Whereas, J.C. Scarborough, Sr., served his profession proudly and was one of
16 the founders of the Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of North Carolina
17 (formerly the Colored Undertakers and Embalmers Association); and

18 Whereas, J.C. Scarborough, Sr., also distinguished himself by establishing the
19 Daisey E. Scarborough Nursery School in 1938, which was the first licensed day care in
20 North Carolina; and

21 Whereas, J.C. Scarborough, Sr., showed an outstanding devotion to public
22 service and ran for the Durham City Council in 1947, obtaining 2,464 votes, the highest
23 number of votes ever cast for an African-American seeking office in the City of
24 Durham; and

25 Whereas, J.C. Scarborough, Sr., worked unselfishly for the betterment of his
26 community and earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues and fellow citizens;
27 and

1 Whereas, it is fitting that the General Assembly recognize J.C. Scarborough,
2 Sr., on the 100th anniversary of his achievement in becoming the first African-American
3 to be licensed as a funeral director and embalmer by the State of North Carolina; Now,
4 therefore,

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

6 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the life and memory of John
7 Clarence "J.C." Scarborough, Sr., for his accomplishments and his service to the
8 Durham community.

9 **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
10 resolution to the family of John Clarence "J.C." Scarborough, Sr.

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