

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 343\***

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Sponsors: Representatives Hill, Sutton (Primary Sponsors); and E. Floyd.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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March 2, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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