

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1178**

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Sponsors: Senator Purcell.

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July 26, 2005

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF FRANK  
2 HOWE MCDUFFIE, SR., AND SAMMIE SELLERS MCDUFFIE, NORTH  
3 CAROLINA EDUCATORS, HUMANITARIANS, COACHES, CIVIL RIGHTS  
4 LEADERS, AND RECOGNIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND WORK OF  
5 THE LAURINBURG NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE, INC.

6 Whereas, on September 15, 1904, Emmanuel M. McDuffie and his wife,  
7 Tinny Etheridge McDuffie, came from Alabama to Laurinburg, North Carolina,  
8 responding to the call of Dr. Booker T. Washington of the Tuskegee Institute and  
9 William Edwards of the Snow Hill Institute to help to provide "suitable education and  
10 training in the common pursuits of life for the black people of the area"; and

11 Whereas, on September 15, 1906, Emmanuel M. McDuffie, J. H. Davis, and  
12 Robert Leach incorporated the Laurinburg Normal and Industrial Institute at  
13 Laurinburg, North Carolina, for "the instruction of colored teachers and youth in the  
14 various common, academic, and collegiate branches, the best methods of teaching the  
15 same, and the best methods of theoretical and practical industry in their application to  
16 agriculture and the mechanics arts"; and

17 Whereas, upon the death of the Emmanuel M. McDuffie, Sr., his son Dr.  
18 Frank H. McDuffie, Sr., became the President of the Laurinburg Institute and his wife,  
19 Sammie Sellers McDuffie, its Principal, and together they built a new campus,  
20 integrated the faculty and student body, developed its foreign student program, and built  
21 and coached a worldwide recognized athletic and music program; and

22 Whereas, Frank and Sammie McDuffie were the recipients of the Order of the  
23 Long Leaf Pine and various other awards and accolades; and

24 Whereas, some of the alumni of the Laurinburg Institute alumni played  
25 pivotal roles in integrating athletic teams and the university systems of the South,  
26 including Charlie Scott who played basketball at the University of North Carolina at  
27 Chapel Hill and John Russell who served as a referee; and

28 Whereas, the Laurinburg Institute provided total secondary educational  
29 facilities to black boys and girls in Scotland County for more than 50 years; and

1           Whereas, the Laurinburg Institute provides its students with special training  
2 in numerous technical fields as well as providing and nurturing thousands to "Work  
3 hard, stand up, be somebody, be the best"; and

4           Whereas, Frank and Sammie McDuffie and the Laurinburg Institute have  
5 provided invaluable services to the people of the area, as well as educational services to  
6 black people from the State, the region, and foreign countries; and

7           Whereas, the Laurinburg Institute could not have survived and developed  
8 without the vision, dedication, and devotion of Frank and Sammie McDuffie; Now,  
9 therefore,

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

11           **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly honors the memory of Dr. Frank H.  
12 McDuffie, Sr., and Sammie Sellers McDuffie for the service they rendered and  
13 recognizes and expresses its profound appreciation for their contributions to Eastern  
14 North Carolina and the State of North Carolina.

15           **SECTION 2.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this  
16 resolution to the family of Dr. Frank H. McDuffie and Sammie Sellers McDuffie.

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