

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1987 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 25
HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 963

A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING BISHOP JAMES WALKER HOOD ON THE
100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RE-CHARTERING OF LIVINGSTONE
COLLEGE BY THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Whereas, James Walker Hood was born in Kenneth Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, and the son of Levi and Harriet (Walker) Hood; and

Whereas, James Walker Hood went to school only a few months in New Castle County, Delaware, and Chester County, Pennsylvania, between 1841 and 1845; and

Whereas, upon reaching the age of twenty-one James Walker Hood was granted a license to preach and the next year was accepted by the New Haven Quarterly Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; and

Whereas, after being ordained a deacon in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1860, James Walker Hood served in Nova Scotia and served as a Missionary to the freedmen within the Union lines in North Carolina; and

Whereas, James Walker Hood served in New Bern, Charlotte, and Fayetteville, where he was a delegate from Cumberland County in 1868 to the Reconstruction Constitutional Convention held in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

Whereas, during that same year James Walker Hood was elected the first black Assistant Superintendent of Public Instruction for North Carolina Public Schools for two years; and

Whereas, James Walker Hood served as the first Grand Master of black Masonic Lodges in North Carolina; and

Whereas, James Walker Hood was elected a Bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church on July 3, 1872, and later became the senior Bishop; and

Whereas, James Walker Hood was elected a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London in 1881, and in Washington, in 1891, and was the first black to preside over that body; and

Whereas, James Walker Hood was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Livingstone College at Salisbury, North Carolina, from its founding until his death in 1918; and

Whereas, in 1882 Bishop James Walker Hood traveled in 34 states helping to organize the denomination; and

Whereas, James Walker Hood's published works include : The Negro in the Christian Pulpit (1884), One Hundred of the Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (1895), and The Plan of the Apocalypse (1900); and

Whereas, Bishop James Walker Hood, in 1887, induced the North Carolina General Assembly to change the charter of Zion Wesley Institute to Livingstone College;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor James Walker Hood for his outstanding contributions on the 100th anniversary of the Charter of Livingstone College.

Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of James Walker Hood and to the Livingstone College Board of Governors.

Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

1987. In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 19th day of May,

Robert B. Jordan III
President of the Senate

Liston B. Ramsey
Speaker of the House of Representatives