

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE RESOLUTION DRHR50473-LG-398 (06/29)

Sponsors: Representatives Miller, Michaux, Luebke, and Wilkins (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING THE RECENT CROSS BURNINGS IN
2 THE CITY OF DURHAM.

3 Whereas, during the evening of May 25, 2005, large crosses were found
4 burning at three locations in the City of Durham; and

5 Whereas, the burning crosses were discovered near St. Luke's Episcopal
6 Church on Hillandale Road, at South Roxboro Street and Martin Luther King Jr.
7 Parkway, and at Dillard and Holloway Streets; and

8 Whereas, historically in this country, a burning cross has been used as a
9 symbol of intimidation and racism; and

10 Whereas, the citizens of Durham quickly responded to the cross burnings by
11 holding vigils and rallies to show their support for diversity and unity in their
12 community; and

13 Whereas, the North Carolina House of Representatives joins the citizens of
14 Durham in their efforts to fight against intolerance and hatred in favor of a more just
15 and equitable society; Now, therefore,

16 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

17 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives condemns the cross burnings
18 that occurred in the City of Durham on May 25, 2005, and encourages local, State, and
19 federal law enforcement agencies to actively pursue all leads in finding those
20 responsible for these incidents.

21 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this
22 resolution to the Mayor of the City of Durham.

23 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.