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### **Senate Passes Resolution Honoring Former Governor, NCCCS President Bob Scott**

RALEIGH – The North Carolina Senate passed a joint resolution today honoring the life and memory of former North Carolina Governor and Community College System President, Bob Scott. Scott passed away January 23, 2009 at the age of 79. During his time as Governor, Scott is credited with consolidating the UNC System as well as leading the state through the social and racial unrest of the late 1960s.

Upon Scott's passing, current North Carolina Community College System President Scott Ralls reflected on the former Governor's service to the state, "North Carolina and North Carolina Community Colleges have lost a true champion and a great education leader. Governor Scott brought his formidable skills and a lifetime of public service to North Carolina Community Colleges when he became system president in 1983. The work of his 11-year tenure is especially evident in today's economic climate as North Carolina's citizens turn to their community colleges for education and re-training. Governor Scott's legacy in developing and defining our colleges' mission will continue to impact North Carolina's economic future."

The resolution will be taken up by the House in the coming weeks.

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