



Legislation Text

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TITLE

DR. GEORGE C. SIMKINS JR. MONUMENT DONATION

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BACKGROUND

Guilford County was approached by the Joseph M. Bryan Foundation, regarding potential acceptance of a memorial donation in honor of Dr. George C. Simkins, Jr.

Dr. George Simkins, Jr., (August 23, 1924 - November 21, 2001) was a dentist, community leader and civil rights activist in Greensboro, North Carolina. During the 1950s, he won several significant desegregation lawsuits and was, for a quarter of a century, the president of the Greensboro branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Beginning in 1955, Simkins used the courts and local referenda to compel the desegregation of recreational facilities, schools, and hospitals; and ended discrimination in the delivery of public housing, banking and city services. The monetary value of the memorial statue exceeds the County Manager's acceptance thresholds and requires Board consideration.

The Foundation has requested the memorial statue be placed in the County's Bicentennial Gardens, located at the corner of Market Street and Eugene Street.

REQUESTED ACTION

Accept donation of George C. Simkins Jr. monument and authorize placement in the Guilford County Bicentennial Garden, located at the corner of Market Street and Eugene Street.