A Resolution to Call for a Public Hearing to Consider Designating the Wyche-Dobson-McCoy House (801 East Eighth Street) as Local Historic Landmark



The Wyche-Dobson-McCoy House is a rare surviving dwelling from the twentieth-century Black First Ward neighborhood, which was destroyed by a 1970s urban renewal project. In the midtwentieth century, Black homeowners and renters lived in First Ward, also home to Black businesses, schools, and churches. Residents were professionals, blue-collar workers, and business owners. Urban renewal resulted in displacement of residents and demolition of most of the houses. After protests and legal action by members of the First Ward community, this house was moved and rehabilitated rather than razed. The house is also notable for its association with Dr. Rudolph Wyche, a second-generation physician who saw patients in Charlotte and was active in the Civil Rights movement locally and statewide. He and his family owned and lived in the house from 1934 through 1960.

