

An Apology For Slavery

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The North Carolina House formally apologized today "for the injustice, cruelty and brutality of slavery." That follows up on the apology the Senate issued last week for the state's historic racism.

In another emotional and frank debate on race unusual for the Legislative Building, House members approved both their resolution unanimously. They also passed a broader Senate resolution that also apologized for the state's Jim Crow laws and other legalized segregation. The Legislature's apologies occurred after Confederate neighbor Virginia voted unanimously in February to express its regret for that state's role in slavery. Maryland lawmakers approved their own apology for slavery late last month.