

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1165

Sponsors: Representatives Privette; Barbee, Loflin, and Tallent.

Referred to: Rules, Appointments, and Calendar.

May 6, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE COUNTY OF CABARRUS AS IT
2 PREPARES FOR ITS BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE.

3 Whereas, Cabarrus County was formed on December 29, 1792, from
4 Mecklenburg County and was named in honor of Stephen Cabarrus of Chowan County,
5 then the distinguished Speaker of the House of Commons; and

6 Whereas, the Cabarrus County area was formerly a part of New Hanover,
7 Bladen, Anson, and Mecklenburg Counties, and was first settled in 1732 by Scotch-Irish
8 and German pioneers who travelled from Pennsylvania along the Great Wagon Road;
9 the earliest settlers were soon joined by Swiss, English, and Welsh pioneers; and

10 Whereas, all those early adventurers brought with them a strong devotion to
11 family and church, and a love of country; they were Presbyterian, Lutheran, German
12 Reformed, Baptist, and Methodist, and once their homes were built, they built great
13 churches whose doors are still open for worship; and

14 Whereas, Cabarrus County was still a part of Mecklenburg County on May
15 20, 1775, and participated through distinguished delegates in preparing and signing
16 resolutions now known to history as the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, and
17 provided both continental soldiers and large numbers of militia during the American
18 Revolution; and

19 Whereas, men and women from Cabarrus County have answered their
20 country's call to the colors in every armed conflict from the War of 1812 through the
21 Desert Storm operation, and have served with valor and distinction; and

1 Whereas, gold was first discovered in Cabarrus County in 1799, which began
2 the Carolina Gold Rush, the history of which is preserved in the Reed Gold Mine State
3 Historic Site; and

4 Whereas, there are within the county great sports facilities at Charlotte Motor
5 Speedway and Concord Motor Speedway, and great manufacturing plants for Fieldcrest
6 Cannon, Inc., and Phillip Morris U. S. A.; and

7 Whereas, the people of the county retain the characteristics of independent
8 spirit, loyalty, patriotism, and strong religious values, are proud of their history and are
9 preserving at great expense their historic 1876 Courthouse, and seek to remember their
10 heritage and claim a bright future; and

11 Whereas, a bicentennial committee is planning celebrations and observances
12 for the entire year of 1992, collecting and preserving their historic records, and
13 publishing accounts of the early history of the county;

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

15 Section 1. The General Assembly wishes to honor the citizens of Cabarrus
16 County as they plan and celebrate their bicentennial.

17 Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
18 to the County of Cabarrus and to the Bicentennial Committee.

19 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.