

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE RESOLUTION 416

Sponsors: Senators Kerr, Horton; Albertson, Allran, Ballance, Ballantine, Basnight, Blust, Carpenter, Carrington, Clark, Cochran, Cooper, Dannelly, Forrester, Foxx, Jenkins, Kinnaird, Ledbetter, Lee, Martin of Pitt, Martin of Guilford, Page, Perdue, Phillips, Plyler, Rand, Shaw of Cumberland, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Warren, Wellons, and Winner.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 18, 1997

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
2 OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART.

3 Whereas, during the final hours of the 1947 General Assembly, a bill was
4 passed on April 5, 1947, providing for the acquisition, preservation, and exhibition of art
5 for the people of the State of North Carolina; and

6 Whereas, the 1947 act appropriated \$1 million for the purchase of old master
7 paintings, provided that the appropriation would be matched with \$1 million; and

8 Whereas, North Carolina was the first state in the nation to set aside funds for a
9 public art collection; and

10 Whereas, the Samuel H. Kress Foundation agreed to match the State
11 appropriation with 71 paintings and sculptures, far exceeding the State's required match
12 of \$1 million; and

13 Whereas, the North Carolina Museum of Art is considered to have the most
14 important old master painting collection in the Southeastern United States; and

15 Whereas, since its opening in 1956, more than 5.2 million State residents and
16 tourists have enjoyed the Museum and its art collection; and

1 Whereas, the Museum's collection, educational programs, and special projects,
2 publications, and endeavors continue to receive the highest national and international
3 praise; and

4 Whereas, new landscaping, sculpture, and lighting and the recent addition of
5 the Museum Park Theater have greatly enhanced the Museum as an important landmark
6 for the City of Raleigh, Wake County, the Triangle area, and the entire State;

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate:

8 Section 1. The Senate wishes to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the North
9 Carolina Museum of Art and to recognize and thank the trustees, volunteers, and staff
10 who have contributed to the development of this distinguished institution. The Senate
11 further invites the citizens of this State to join them in supporting and participating in
12 activities commemorating the Museum's fiftieth anniversary.

13 Section 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
14 to the Director of the North Carolina Museum of Art and to the Secretary of the
15 Department of Cultural Resources.

16 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.