

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1314

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

Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

July 12, 1991

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF STEPHEN CABARRUS
2 AND THE COUNTY OF CABARRUS AS IT PREPARES FOR ITS
3 BICENTENNIAL OBSERVANCE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

11 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

12 Section 1. The North Carolina House of Representatives wishes to honor the
13 citizens of Cabarrus County as they plan and celebrate their bicentennial.

14 Sec. 2. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to
15 the County of Cabarrus and to the Bicentennial Committee.

16 Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.