

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2007

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1483

Sponsors: Senator Queen.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 27, 2007

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION OBSERVING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY
2 OF THE HISTORIC MITCHELL COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

3 Whereas, construction of the historic Mitchell County Courthouse was
4 completed in 1907, and the year of 2007 marks the 100th anniversary of this important
5 building; and

6 Whereas, the historic Courthouse has been the landmark and focal point for
7 Mitchell County and a stage upon which was played a myriad of human dramas for the
8 past 100 years; and

9 Whereas, the historic Courthouse served the citizens of Mitchell County as
10 the seat of county government, a repository of records, a house of justice, and a
11 community meeting place until its closing; and

12 Whereas, the historic Courthouse is an architectural prominence reflecting the
13 independent spirit of the people of Mitchell County; and

14 Whereas, the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners has appointed a
15 group of citizens to develop a plan to restore the historic Courthouse for a continuing
16 role as a community hub; and

17 Whereas, a restored historic Courthouse will honor the people, history, and
18 culture of Mitchell County and will contribute to the County's future through economic
19 development; and

20 Whereas, restoration of the historic Courthouse will also serve as a fitting
21 testimonial and memorial to the countless people who practiced law, presided over
22 cases, and kept records in the Courthouse over the years, including the late John C.
23 McBee, who spent over 50 years practicing law in Bakersville and trying hundreds of
24 cases in the Courthouse; and

25 Whereas, the 100th year anniversary of the historic Courthouse will be
26 celebrated by the people of Mitchell County throughout the year of 2007; Now,
27 therefore,

28 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

29 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly recognizes the historic Courthouse of
30 Mitchell County as an important landmark and commends the people of Mitchell

1 County for their efforts to restore it to a prominent role in their future aspirations and
2 hopes.

3 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly honors the people who worked in the
4 historic Mitchell County Courthouse, including John C. McBee.

5 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
6 resolution to the Chair of the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners and the family
7 of John C. McBee.

8 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon ratification.