

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 520

Sponsors: Representative Daughtry.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

March 17, 1997

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
2 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

17 Whereas, the Museum's collection, educational programs, and special projects,
18 publications, and endeavors continue to receive the highest national and international
19 praise; and

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

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

2 Section 1. The House wishes to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the North
3 Carolina Museum of Art and to recognize and thank the trustees, volunteers, and staff
4 who have contributed to the development of this distinguished institution. The House
5 further invites the citizens of this State to join them in supporting and participating in
6 activities commemorating the Museum's fiftieth anniversary.

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

10 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.