

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

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HOUSE RESOLUTION 1522*

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

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

May 15, 2000

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF LORD
2 GEORGE ANSON FOR WHOM ANSON COUNTY IS NAMED UPON THE
3 COUNTY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY.

4 Whereas, Anson County was formed from Bladen County in 1750; and

5 Whereas, Anson County was named for Lord George Anson, first Lord of the
6 British Admiralty, who for a number of years assisted in protecting North Carolina's
7 coast from pirates; and

8 Whereas, Anson County has been home to many great citizens including
9 former congressmen, Colonel Risdien Tyler Bennett, James A. Lockhart, A. Paul Kitchin,
10 and Reverend Charles H. Martin; former lieutenant governors, Hoyt P. Taylor, Sr. and
11 Hoyt P. Taylor, Jr.; a drafter of the Bill of Rights, Samuel Spencer; and Revolutionary
12 War hero, Thomas Wade; and

13 Whereas, other natives of Anson County include: Ada Ford Singleton, pioneer
14 in civil rights; Marjorie Robinson, education leader; Jane Pratt, North Carolina's first
15 female Congress member; Fred M. Mills, Jr., North Carolina's first Secretary of
16 Transportation; Frank Dunlap, former chair of the State Highway Commission; Hugh
17 Hammond Bennett, father of soil conservation and the first soil conservationist; Leonidas
18 Polk, North Carolina's first Commissioner of Agriculture and founder of Progressive
19 Farmer magazine; and Arthur T. Dean, a Major General in the United States Army; and

20 Whereas, Anson County is known for its agricultural, timber, livestock,
21 mineral, and textile products; and

1 Whereas, Anson County was home to the nation's first soil conservation
2 district; and

3 Whereas, the people of Anson County are hospitable and hardworking citizens
4 who are proud of their past and look forward to their future; and

5 Whereas, the citizens of Anson County have been actively preparing for the
6 County's 250th Anniversary; and

7 Whereas, Anson County's 250th Anniversary is worthy of celebration and
8 should be enjoyed and supported by all of North Carolina's citizens; Now, therefore,

9 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

10 Section 1. The House of Representatives honors the life and memory of Lord
11 George Anson upon the 250th Anniversary of Anson County.

12 Section 2. The House of Representatives proclaims May 20, 2000, as Anson
13 County Day and urges the citizens of this State to participate in activities commemorating
14 this historic event.

15 Section 3. The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
16 to the Chair of the Anson County Board of Commissioners.

17 Section 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.