

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE RESOLUTION 929

Sponsors: Representative Frye (Primary Sponsor).
For a complete list of Sponsors, see Bill Information on the NCGA Web Site.

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

May 12, 2011

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING MITCHELL COUNTY'S ONE HUNDRED
2 FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

3 Whereas, Mitchell County, North Carolina, was formed on February 16, 1861, and
4 is celebrating the one hundred fiftieth year of its founding; and

5 Whereas, Mitchell County was named after Dr. Elijah Mitchell, noted scientist,
6 scholar, and explorer, who died in 1857; and

7 Whereas, Mitchell County is the home to Roan Mountain, which has some of the
8 largest natural rhododendron gardens in the world, supports several miles of the Blue Ridge
9 Parkway and the Appalachian Trail, and is the world's premier source of valuable minerals; and

10 Whereas, Mitchell County is home of the Spruce Pine Mining District, a
11 10-by-25-mile region rich in feldspar, quartz, kaolin, mica, and gemstone deposits, which are
12 featured at the Museum of North Carolina Minerals located just off the Blue Ridge Parkway;
13 and

14 Whereas, the Blue Ridge Parkway forms the southern boundary of Mitchell County,
15 and, since the Parkway's arrival in 1939, it has brought new jobs to and increased tourism in the
16 region and continues to play a major role in the economic development of Mitchell County; and

17 Whereas, Mitchell County and its citizens support the annual North Carolina
18 Rhododendron Festival, the annual North Carolina Mineral and Gem Festival, and numerous
19 community events throughout the year; and

20 Whereas, Mitchell County is home of the world-famous Penland School of Crafts
21 and also home to seven of North Carolina's Living Treasures; and

22 Whereas, Mitchell County residents have proudly and faithfully served Mitchell
23 County, the great State of North Carolina, and the United States of America in war and peace;
24 Now, therefore,

25 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

26 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Dr. Elijah
27 Mitchell and encourages the citizens of this State to participate in activities celebrating the
28 150th anniversary of Mitchell County.

29 **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
30 to the Chair of the Mitchell County Board of Commissioners.

31 **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.

