

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION DRHJR80391-LG-197* (04/27)

Sponsors: Representative Frye.

Referred to:

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFTS ON
2 ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY AND THE MEMORY OF LUCY MORGAN, THE
3 FOUNDER OF THE PENLAND SCHOOL OF CRAFTS.

4 Whereas, Penland School of Crafts, a national center for craft education
5 located in Mitchell County, is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary in 2004; and

6 Whereas, Penland School of Crafts was placed on the National Register of
7 Historic Places as the Penland School Historic District in 2004; and

8 Whereas, Penland School of Crafts has continued to the present the tradition
9 of education and economic assistance begun by Lucy Morgan in 1929; and

10 Whereas, Penland School of Crafts serves as an anchor for a \$540 million
11 crafts industry in North Carolina; and

12 Whereas, Penland School of Crafts brings over 18,000 students and visitors to
13 Mitchell County each year and contributes \$6 to \$8 million into the local economy
14 annually through its crafts education programs, its gallery and visitors center, its
15 resident artist program, its employment; and

16 Whereas, Penland School of Crafts has encouraged over 100 artists to settle
17 and establish small businesses in Mitchell, Yancey, and Avery counties serving as a
18 model of creative enterprise; and

19 Whereas, Penland School of Crafts promotes an understanding of craft as a
20 common expression and enterprise among people across time, across continents, and
21 across social boundaries; and

22 Whereas, Penland School of Crafts is known throughout the world for the
23 highest quality of work and its vibrant crafts community; Now, therefore,

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

25 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly hereby honors the memory of Lucy
26 Morgan for her role in helping to establish the Penland School of Crafts.

27 **SECTION 2.** The General Assembly applauds the Penland School of Crafts
28 on its 75 years of contribution to the social, cultural, and economic health of Mitchell

1 County and the entire State of North Carolina and extends its congratulations and
2 appreciation for Penland's important role in the life of all North Carolina citizens.

3 **SECTION 3.** The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
4 resolution to the Penland School of Crafts.

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