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HOUSE RESOLUTION 861

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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE 2012 GREAT PLACES IN NORTH
2 CAROLINA.

3 Whereas, North Carolina is filled with great places that embody its history, charm,
4 creativity, resourcefulness, and vitality; and

5 Whereas, in 2012, the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning
6 Association (NCCAP) sponsored an initiative known as "Great Places in North Carolina," a
7 program that is similar to the "Great Places in America" program sponsored by the American
8 Planning Association, which celebrates places across the country that are of exemplary
9 character, quality, and planning; and

10 Whereas, the "Great Places in North Carolina" initiative was the first of its kind for
11 state chapters of the American Planning Association and the first theme was designed to
12 recognize great main streets across North Carolina; and

13 Whereas, in 2012, an expert panel selected the following winners representing the
14 mountains to the coast: Asheville's Lexington Avenue, Hillsborough's Churton Street,
15 Charlotte's Tryon Street, and Edenton's Broad Street; and

16 Whereas, the panel also named Gastonia's Main Avenue as a "Great Place in the
17 Making" and voters selected Mount Airy's Main Street as the People's Choice in an online
18 contest in which 1,700 votes were cast; and

19 Whereas, in 2012, the American Planning Association also recognized downtown
20 Salisbury as a Great Place in America; and

21 Whereas, the great places are vibrant centers of commerce and community; and

22 Whereas, these great places are the result of thoughtful community planning and
23 partnerships between government, business, and citizens; and

24 Whereas, behind each of these great places is a story of North Carolinians working
25 together to improve their communities; and

26 Whereas, these great places embody the spirit of citizenship, enterprise, and service
27 that makes our State great; and

28 Whereas, these places also portray the stories of the people who have lived and
29 worked in them, such as Mount Airy native, Andy Griffith; and

30 Whereas, Andrew Samuel "Andy" Griffith grew up in Mount Airy and graduated
31 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

32 Whereas, Andy Griffith became an actor starring in a number of movies, television
33 series, and Broadway productions; and

34 Whereas, between 1960 and 1968, Andy Griffith portrayed the folksy sheriff of the
35 fictional town of Mayberry, North Carolina on the "Andy Griffith Show;" and



1 Whereas, the "Andy Griffith Show" has remained a fan favorite for generations,
2 bringing about nostalgia and memories of the great main streets we grew up on and the great
3 places in this State; Now, therefore,

4 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

5 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Andy Griffith, a
6 great actor and ambassador for the State for over 50 years, and expresses its appreciation for his
7 many talents and gifts that have entertained generations.

8 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives recognizes the 2012 Great Places in
9 North Carolina named in this resolution and downtown Salisbury as a Great Place in America.

10 **SECTION 3.** The House of Representatives joins the North Carolina Chapter of
11 the American Planning Association in commending the community leaders, volunteers, staff,
12 and partners who have worked to make these places great.

13 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.