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HOUSE BILL DRH40308-LG-142

Short Title: The Andy Griffith Show as State TV Show. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative N. Jackson.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ADOPTING "THE ANDY GRIFFITH SHOW" AS THE OFFICIAL TELEVISION  
3 SHOW OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

4 Whereas, Andy Samuel Griffith was born on June 1, 1926, in the City of Mount Airy  
5 in Surry County, North Carolina; and

6 Whereas, Mr. Griffith graduated from Mount Airy High School in 1944 and attended  
7 the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he earned a bachelor's degree in music;  
8 and

9 Whereas, Mr. Griffith was a cast member in "The Lost Colony" where he played  
10 various roles, including Sir Walter Raleigh; and

11 Whereas, Mr. Griffith had a seven-decade career in music and television as a singer,  
12 actor, comedian, producer, and writer; and

13 Whereas, Mr. Griffith loved North Carolina from the mountains to the coast and spent  
14 his retirement on the Outer Banks in Dare County where his final resting place is Roanoke Island;  
15 and

16 Whereas, Mr. Griffith celebrated his native State of North Carolina with iconic  
17 comedy tracks, including "North Carolina, My Home State" and "What It Was, Was Football";  
18 and

19 Whereas, in 1960, Mr. Griffith took his celebration of North Carolina to Hollywood  
20 where he starred in "The Andy Griffith Show" for a run of 249 episodes from 1960 to 1968; and

21 Whereas, performing as Andy Taylor, Mr. Griffith highlighted people, places, and  
22 attitudes from North Carolina that brought an awareness and fondness for the Old North State on  
23 a television show that dominated the national television ratings and ended its final season as the  
24 number one show in America; and

25 Whereas, "The Andy Griffith Show" inspired spinoff shows and an annual festival in  
26 Mount Airy, "Mayberry Days"; and

27 Whereas, the positive character values and awareness of North Carolina make "The  
28 Andy Griffith Show" must-see-TV for anyone who loves North Carolina; and

29 Whereas, all North Carolinians should know the location of "Old Man Kelsey's  
30 Woods," how to avoid a "loaded goat," and the marvelous existence of Mr. McBeevee; and

31 Whereas, school children and parents should know how to handle a "spoiled kid" and  
32 to delicately navigate a situation involving "Aunt Bea's Pickles"; and

33 Whereas, society should continue to be aware of the talents of "The Darlings," the  
34 mercurial nature of Ernest T. Bass, and the danger of Otis with a "leg of lamb"; and



1           Whereas, people of all ages can appreciate a good "citizen's arrest," dealing with a  
2 well-intentioned friend like Barney Fife, a tough teacher like Helen Crump, and a nosy neighbor  
3 like Clara Edwards; and

4           Whereas, most importantly, everyone should know better than to accept a peanut  
5 butter and jelly sandwich from Leon; and

6           Whereas, it is fitting to recognize the positive impact of "The Andy Griffith Show"  
7 on our State and nation by adopting the show as the official television show of the State of North  
8 Carolina; Now, therefore,

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10           **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new  
11 section to read:

12 **"§ 145-52. State television show.**

13 **"The Andy Griffith Show" is adopted as the official television show of the State of North**  
14 **Carolina."**

15           **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.