



1           Whereas, the USS North Carolina was moored in Wilmington on October 2, 1961;  
2 and

3           Whereas, on April 29, 1962, the ship was dedicated as a historic landmark, a museum  
4 collecting and interpreting all ships named "North Carolina," and as a memorial to the World  
5 War II veterans and the 11,000 North Carolinians of all branches of service who died during the  
6 war; and

7           Whereas, in March 1986, the USS North Carolina became one of 22 ships to be  
8 registered as a national historic landmark; and

9           Whereas, the USS North Carolina is a State historic site and a major tourist attraction,  
10 bringing in between \$1.5 to \$3.5 million annually to the State and local economy and attracting  
11 over 250,000 visitors; and

12           Whereas, the USS North Carolina accounts for over 3,500 jobs in New Hanover  
13 County each year; and

14           Whereas, the Moravian cookie and the USS North Carolina should be adopted as  
15 official State symbols; Now, therefore,  
16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17           **SECTION 1.** Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding new sections  
18 to read:

19 **"§ 145-52. Official State cookie.**

20 The Moravian cookie is adopted as the official cookie of the State of North Carolina.

21 **"§ 145-53. Official State ship.**

22 The USS North Carolina is adopted as the official ship of the State of North Carolina."

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