

We are very fortunate in North Carolina to have so much scenic beauty and so many bountiful natural resources. I am not exaggerating when I say that I truthfully believe that North Carolina is the most gifted State in the Union.

Briefly, let me cite some of our resources.

We have the highest mountains east of the Mississippi River.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, which we share with Tennessee, is the most popular National Park in the Country. In addition, the Blue Ridge Parkway, which we share with Virginia, is the most traveled National Parkway.

If that isn't enough, we also have two National Seashores, Cape Hatteras and Cape Lookout. The first National Seashore in the country was established a few years ago at Cape Hatteras where the tallest and probably most famous lighthouse in America still stands.

I could talk longer about the interesting and unique things that can be found in our State. However, I'm convinced that our most valuable resource is still our fine people. I don't think you could search the world over and find a friendlier or more gentle people than our citizens of North Carolina.

They feel, and I concur, that our State is indeed "the goodliest land". Perhaps after you've seen this film, you will agree.

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