

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 1369\***

Short Title: A.A. Cunningham Air Museum Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Perdue, Anderson, and Lilley.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 24, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE A. A. CUNNINGHAM AIR  
2 MUSEUM FOUNDATION, INC., FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE  
3 REGIONALLY FAMOUS AND NATIONALLY IMPORTANT MARINE AND  
4 AVIATION MUSEUM.  
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6 Whereas, in 1912 First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham became the first  
7 Marine to fly and in his honor the first landing strip at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry  
8 Point was named Cunningham Field; and

9 Whereas, a nonprofit foundation was created to build the Alfred A.  
10 Cunningham Air Museum in Havelock, Craven County, a command sponsored museum  
11 on 30 acres of U.S. Government property along Highway 101 on Marine Corps Air  
12 Station Cherry Point; and

13 Whereas, the Alfred A. Cunningham Air Museum is being designed to play a  
14 significant role in recognition, preservation, and display of aviation equipment, aviation  
15 art, and aerodynamic technology; and

16 Whereas, it is conservatively estimated that the museum, when completed  
17 will attract more than 540,000 visitors in 1991 and will attract more than 1,000,000  
18 visitors in the year 2000 with the attendant contribution to the local economy of  
19 Havelock, Craven County, eastern North Carolina, and all of this great State; and

20 Whereas, the Alfred A. Cunningham Air Museum will be a great source of  
21 civic involvement and pride and continue to foster a spirit of cooperation and  
22 admiration between North Carolina and our national military services; and

1           Whereas, the presence of such a national museum as the Alfred A.  
2 Cunningham Air Museum will be a visible symbol of the patriotism we each hold dear  
3 for our armed services; and

4           Whereas, the Alfred A. Cunningham Air Museum will involve not only the  
5 citizens of Craven County but the citizens of all of North Carolina and the United States  
6 of America; Now, therefore,

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the A. A.  
9 Cunningham Air Museum Foundation, Inc., \$1,000,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year and  
10 \$2,000,000 for the 1990-91 fiscal year for capital improvements to the regionally  
11 famous and nationally important marine and aviation museum. These public funds shall  
12 be matched on a three-to-one, private-to-public basis.

13           Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.