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HOUSE BILL 1873

Short Title: Brown-Hawkins Farmstead Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Woodard.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 10, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE BROWN-HAWKINS FARMSTEAD.

Whereas, the growing of bright leaf tobacco as a principal crop has framed the lives of many North Carolina farmers and their families; and

Whereas, the Tobacco Museum of North Carolina, Inc., located in Kenly, Johnston County, is a nonprofit, locally governed museum dedicated to the technical and social history of tobacco farming in the early twentieth century; and

Whereas, during the last two years the museum has hosted over 18,000 visitors from 50 states and 40 foreign countries; and

Whereas, the museum provides special programs for public school groups and seasonal tours of working tobacco farms; and

Whereas, the museum has acquired, and with the technical assistance of the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, documented and relocated a small tobacco farmstead known as the Brown-Hawkins Farmstead to the museum property; and

Whereas, the Brown-Hawkins Farmstead includes a four-room house dating from 1906, a separate kitchen, a salt-curing house, extensive family and household papers, over 50 items of handmade clothing, and other significant artifacts; and

Whereas, the museum wishes to restore this farmstead to demonstrate the life style of a tobacco farm family during the Great Depression; and

Whereas, the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, has included the Tobacco Museum of North Carolina as a pilot project in its Regional History Sites Program; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Tobacco
3 Museum of North Carolina, Inc., \$25,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year to be used for the
4 restoration of the Brown-Hawkins Farmstead and the public programs sponsored by the
5 Tobacco Museum of North Carolina.

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