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HOUSE BILL 1848

Short Title: Topsail Assembly Bldg Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Bowen.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 30, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION AND
REHABILITATION OF THE TOPSAIL ISLAND ASSEMBLY BUILDING.

Whereas, the Topsail Island Assembly Building is an historic landmark worthy of preservation based on its contributions to the nation's missile program, jet engine development, and the NASA Space Program; and

Whereas, the Assembly Building complex is the most intact installation of its kind on the east coast, and is the largest building of its kind between Wilmington and Jacksonville; and

Whereas, the Assembly Building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, the current owners of the Assembly Building plan to demolish the building and divide the property into lots; and

Whereas, the Topsail Island community would like to acquire and rehabilitate the Assembly Building and use it as a museum and cultural arts center; and

Whereas, uses for the building include housing a permanent museum for the Historical Society of Topsail Beach, and serving as an educational teaching facility for oceanographic-related programs, as a meeting facility for various local and State organizations, and as a facility for cultural events; and

Whereas, preserving the building will also enhance tourism and create new jobs in the Topsail Island area; and

Whereas, Topsail Beach Economic Development Council, Inc., needs State funds to acquire and rehabilitate the Assembly Building; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Topsail Beach
2 Economic Development Council, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of two hundred
3 thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for acquisition and rehabilitation
4 of the Topsail Island Assembly Building, an historic building to be used as a museum
5 and cultural arts center, provided these funds are matched on the basis of one
6 dollar(\$1.00) of non-State funds for every one dollar (\$1.00) of State funds.

7 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.