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HOUSE BILL 1263*

Short Title: Cooleemee Historic Site Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Howard.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 13, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CREATION OF COOLEEMEE'S
2 TEXTILE HERITAGE HISTORIC SITE IN THE TOWN OF COOLEEMEE IN
3 DAVIE COUNTY.
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5 Whereas, the State of North Carolina is greatly indebted for the wealth and
6 prosperity generated by its cotton textile industry; and

7 Whereas, there is no fitting monument to those men, women, and children who
8 carded, spun, and wove the products of this industry; and

9 Whereas, in the Town of Cooleemee exists the State's only museum telling the
10 story of the South's unique mill village culture; and

11 Whereas, Cooleemee's Textile Heritage Center recently brought together an
12 impressive assembly of scholars and representatives from 27 mill villages, creating a
13 permanent regional effort to document the history and heritage of cotton mill people; and

14 Whereas, during the past eight years these efforts have won an impressive
15 array of national and State awards; and

16 Whereas, the Town of Cooleemee plans to expand its public history capacity
17 by developing a mill house museum, other exhibits, and an outdoor drama and public
18 park on the beautiful shoals of the South Yadkin River; and

19 Whereas, the location of the Town of Cooleemee provides easy access from
20 both the I-40 and I-85 corridors, making heritage tourism partnerships feasible with

1 State-run historic sites such as the North Carolina Transportation Museum in the Town of
2 Spencer; and

3 Whereas, the development of the Cooleemee Textile Heritage Historic Site will
4 enhance Davie County's economy through the creation of jobs and stimulation of small
5 business; Now, therefore,

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Cooleemee
8 Historical Association in Davie County the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars
9 (\$250,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for the creation of Cooleemee's Textile Heritage
10 Historic Site.

11 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.