GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1997

HOUSE BILL 1726

Short Title: Military Museum Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Davis, Hall, (Cosponsors); Aldridge, Alexander, Allen, Arnold, Baddour, Baker, Barbee, Beall, Black, Blue, Bonner, Bowie, Boyd-McIntyre, Brawley, Brown, Buchanan, Cansler, Capps, Church, Clary, Cole, Crawford, Culp, Culpepper, Cunningham, Daughtry, Dedmon, Dickson, Dockham, Easterling, Eddins, Esposito, Fox, Gamble, Gardner, Goodwin, Gray, Gulley, Hackney, Hardaway, Hardy, Hensley, Hiatt, Hightower, Hill, Howard, H. Hunter, R. Hunter, Hurley, Insko, Jarrell, Jeffus, Justus, Kinney, Kiser, Luebke, McAllister, McComas, McCombs, McCrary, McMahan, Michaux, Miller, Miner, Mitchell, Moore, Morris, Mosley, Neely, Nichols, Nye, Oldham, Owens, Preston, Ramsey, Rayfield, Redwine, Reynolds, Rogers, Russell, Saunders, Sexton, Sherrill, Shubert, Smith, Tallent, Thompson, Tolson, Wainwright, Warwick, Watson, Weatherly, C. Wilson, G. Wilson, and Yongue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 1, 1998

1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2	AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE GENERAL WILLIAM C. LEE
3	MEMORIAL COMMISSION, INC., FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
4	MILITARY MUSEUM.
5	Whereas, North Carolina is proud of its men and women who have either been
6	drafted into, or volunteered for, military service; and
7	Whereas, North Carolina is home to many military points of interest; and
8	Whereas, in order to preserve the history of military service by all veteran
9	personnel from North Carolina, plans have been made to establish a military museum

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dedicated to every branch of the military including the National Guard, Coast Guard, and
Air National Guard; and

3 Whereas, the museum would consist of military archives, military 4 memorabilia, and a convention center; and

5 Whereas, a site along Interstate 95 in Harnett County has been proposed to 6 serve as the location for the museum due to its proximity to other military points of 7 interest such as Fort Bragg, the largest military base in the world, Pope Air Force Base, 8 the Bentonville Battleground, the Averasboro Battlefield, the Airborne and Special 9 Operations Museum in the City of Fayetteville, the General William C. Lee Memorial 10 Museum in Harnett County, and the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship in the City of 11 Wilmington; and

Whereas, the establishment of such a museum would not only boost tourism in Harnett County and stimulate tourism at other military attractions across the State, it would also enhance tourism in the Capital City of Raleigh and other points of interest;

- 15 Now, therefore,
- 16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to The General 18 William C. Lee Memorial Commission, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of three 19 million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for planning and purchasing land 20 for a museum dedicated to all branches of service of the military located in Harnett 21 Country

21 County.

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