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SENATE BILL 94*

Short Title: Cooleemee Historic Site Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Cochrane.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

February 15, 1999

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
3 COOLEEMEE TEXTILE HERITAGE HISTORIC SITE IN THE TOWN OF
4 COOLEEMEE IN DAVIE COUNTY.

Whereas, the State of North Carolina is greatly indebted for the wealth and prosperity generated by its cotton textile industry; and

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

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

Whereas, over the past nine years Cooleemee's Textile Heritage Center has won an impressive array of national and State awards for its efforts in documenting the history and heritage of cotton mill people; and

Whereas, in 1996, Cooleemee's Textile Heritage Center brought together an impressive assembly of scholars and representatives from 27 mill villages, creating a permanent regional effort to document the history and heritage of cotton mill people; and

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

Whereas, the location of the Town of Cooleemee provides easy access from both the I-40 and I-85 corridors, making heritage tourism partnerships feasible with State-run historic sites such as the North Carolina Transportation Museum in the Town of Spencer; and
Whereas, the development of the Cooleemee Textile Heritage Historic Site will enhance Davie County's economy through the creation of jobs and the stimulation of small businesses; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Cooleemee
3 Historical Association in Davie County the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars
4 (\$250,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred fifty thousand
5 dollars (\$250,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year for the development of the Cooleemee
6 Textile Heritage Historic Site.

7 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.