

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE DRH70412-LG-163 (03/14)**

Short Title: Rural Life Museum Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Goforth, Fisher, and Sherrill (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RENOVATE THE RURAL LIFE  
MUSEUM ON THE CAMPUS OF MARS HILL COLLEGE.

Whereas, the Rural Life Museum is located on the campus of Mars Hill  
College in Madison County; and

Whereas, the Museum's resources, collections, and programs are available to  
Mars Hill students and the community through tours, workshops, lectures, and  
internships; and

Whereas, the Museum facilitates the collection, preservation, exhibition, and  
interpretation of rural life artifacts relevant to the history and culture of the southern  
Appalachian region; and

Whereas, through its exhibits and educational programs, the Museum assists  
patrons in understanding rural heritage; and

Whereas, for 25 years, the Rural Life Museum has been a destination for area  
4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes to learn about mountain life for their North Carolina history  
course requirements; and

Whereas, during the past year, the Museum provided students with  
programming geared to specific topics, such as mountain musical traditions, slavery and  
African-American traditions in western North Carolina, Cherokee presence in central  
western North Carolina, southern Appalachian identity, pre-industrial agriculture  
practices of the region and clogging; Now, therefore,  
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Mars Hill  
College the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal  
year to renovate the Rural Life Museum, an important resource for the college and the  
citizens of western North Carolina.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.