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HOUSE BILL 502

Short Title: Museum of Cape Fear Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hurley; Jeralds and McAllister.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 1, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
MUSEUM OF THE CAPE FEAR HISTORICAL COMPLEX.**

Whereas, the Museum of the Cape Fear is a regional museum and service center of the North Carolina Museum of History; and

Whereas, the Museum of the Cape Fear is responsible for a twenty-county geographical area stretching from Brunswick County to Lee County and from Onslow County to Union County; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Museum of the Cape Fear is to interpret the culture and the social, economic, and political history of southern North Carolina through the collection, preservation, and utilization of artifacts and other material significant to the history of the region; and

Whereas, the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical Complex is a multifaceted facility that employs a number of different resources to interpret the history of southern North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Arsenal Site, from which the 3.5 acre Arsenal Park will be carved, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

Whereas, the Arsenal Site is one of the State's and nation's foremost archaeological resources for mid-nineteenth century military history and particularly the Civil War; and

Whereas, development of Arsenal Park and the Arsenal Park Interpretive Center is crucial for effective historical preservation and interpretation; and

Whereas, a developed Arsenal Park will add significantly to the educational experience of school children and adult visitors; and

1 Whereas, a developed Arsenal Park will contribute to the cultural, economic,
2 educational, and social welfare of southern North Carolina in particular and all of North
3 Carolina in general; Now, therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, the sum of \$140,550 for the
7 1991-92 fiscal year for the development of the Museum of the Cape Fear Historical
8 Complex, which will include expansion of the existing museum facilities, restoration of
9 the 1897 E. A. Poe House, and the creation of Arsenal Park.

10 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.