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HOUSE BILL 1810

Short Title: Erwin Textile Museum Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Hall.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 30, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CREATION OF A TEXTILE
MUSEUM IN THE TOWN OF ERWIN IN HARNETT COUNTY.

Whereas, the Town of Erwin in Harnett County has been designated as the denim capital of the world by virtue of two large plants located in the town which manufacture approximately 27,000,000 linear yards of denim per week; and

Whereas, the production of cotton used in the manufacturing of denim is of historical significance to the Town of Erwin and related areas of Harnett County; and

Whereas, the creation of a textile museum in the Town of Erwin will enhance tourism in the area; and

Whereas, the textile museum will include cotton culture demonstrations, cotton processing from yarn into finished products from the 1800s to present day, a replica of a company store, and a collection of historical equipment used in cotton ginning, carding, weaving, looming, and other production; and

Whereas, the creation of a new local attraction will further enhance the local economies through the creation of jobs and collaborative revenues based upon the Town of Erwin's close proximity to tourist travel along I-95 and I-40; and

Whereas, the textile museum expects to attract 500,000 visitors during its first year of operation; and

Whereas, the textile museum will encourage tourism to other local attractions including the General William C. Lee Museum of Dunn which memorializes the father of the United States Airborne, the two local Civil War battlegrounds of Averbosboro and Bentonville, the contemporary textile milling tours currently offered in the Town of Erwin, and the nearby campus of Campbell University at Buies Creek; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Town of
3 Erwin in Harnett County the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the
4 1994-95 fiscal year for the creation of a textile museum in the Town of Erwin, provided
5 these funds are matched on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) of non-State funds for every
6 one dollar (\$1.00) of State funds.

7 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.