GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

H HOUSE BILL 1258

Short Title:	Historic Monuments/Memorials Protection Act.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representatives Davis (By Request); Blust, Capps, Culp, Harrington, Hiatt, Hilton, Hurley, Morris, Setzer, and G. Wilson	•
Referred to:	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.	

April 12, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ENACT THE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS
PROTECTION ACT.

Whereas, it is a proper endeavor for a society to remember and respect the symbols of its military history and the valor, sacrifice, and patriotism of all its sons and daughters; and

Whereas, it is also proper and fitting for a society to remember, respect, honor, and recognize the history and heritage and many contributions of all the citizenry of a society; and

Whereas, it is remembrance and respect for the past that provides the path for mutual understanding and respect for the future; and

Whereas, this act represents this spirit of mutual respect and understanding; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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SECTION 1. Chapter 121 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 121-13.3. Protection of North Carolina historical monuments and memorials.

- (a) Without the approval of the General Assembly by a two-thirds majority vote of each house:
- (1) No Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Mexican War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Persian Gulf War, or Native-American War monuments, memorials, plaques, markers, or historic flag displays on public property of the State or any of its political subdivisions, may be relocated, removed, disturbed, or altered.
- No person or organization may prevent the public or private body responsible for the protection, preservation, and care of these

1	monuments, memorials, plaques, markers, or historic flag displays
2	from exercising its responsibility.
3	(3) No street, park, bridge, building, school, preserve, reserve, or other
4	public area of the State or any of its subdivisions dedicated in memory
5	or named for any historic figure or event may be renamed or
6	<u>rededicated.</u>
7	(b) The Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources shall catalogue all
8	existing monuments, memorials, plaques, markers, and historic flag displays located on
9	public property of the State or its political subdivisions or any and all streets, parks,
10	bridges, buildings, schools, preserves, reserves, and other public areas honoring and
11	dedicated to the memory of or named for any historic figure or event."
12	SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.