

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1378

Short Title: Cultural Heritage Museum Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Braxton, T. Harrell (Primary Sponsors); and Faison.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 10, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION AND
3 RESTORATION OF THE HISTORIC PEOPLES BANK INTO THE CULTURAL
4 HERITAGE MUSEUM.

5 Whereas, the historic Peoples Bank, founded in 1924 by African-Americans,
6 became the first financial institution in the Town of Kinston to be owned and managed
7 by people of color; and

8 Whereas, the Peoples Bank is listed on the National Register of Historic
9 Places and is the location of the proposed Cultural Heritage Museum; and

10 Whereas, the museum will feature educational displays and technological
11 presentations on the contributions of African-Americans and pay tribute to the 9,000
12 North Carolinians who were members of the 200,000-member United States Colored
13 Troops during the Civil War, which will complement the activities and themes of the
14 many Civil War attractions and battlegrounds throughout North Carolina and the South;
15 and

16 Whereas, one of the primary goals for the Cultural Heritage Museum Project
17 is to generate jobs, promote economic expansion opportunities, and create a unified
18 community vision for progress; Now, therefore,
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Black
21 Heritage Society, Inc., a nonprofit organization, the sum of nine hundred thousand
22 dollars (\$900,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year for the renovation and restoration of the
23 historic Peoples Bank building for use as a cultural heritage museum that educates
24 youth, visitors, and others on the contributions of African-Americans to American
25 society.

26 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.