

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1991**

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**HOUSE BILL 1519**

Short Title: A.A. Cunningham Air Museum Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Anderson; Hardaway, Lilley, and Wainwright.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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June 3, 1992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE A.A. CUNNINGHAM AIR  
2 MUSEUM FOUNDATION, INC., FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION OF THE  
3 NATIONALLY FAMOUS AND IMPORTANT NATIONAL MARINE CORPS  
4 AVIATION MUSEUM.  
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6       Whereas, in 1912 First Lieutenant Alfred A. Cunningham became the first  
7 Marine to fly, and in his honor, the first landing strip at Marine Corps Air Station  
8 Cherry Point was named Cunningham Field; and

9       Whereas, a nonprofit foundation named in honor of this famous Marine  
10 aviator was created to build the National Marine Corps Aviation Museum in the City of  
11 Havelock in Craven County on 67 acres of United States government property on  
12 Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point; and

13       Whereas, it is conservatively estimated that the museum, when completed,  
14 will attract at least 500,000 visitors in 1994 and will attract more than 1,000,000 visitors  
15 by the year 2000, with an attendant impact of \$120,000,000 to \$250,000,000 per year on  
16 the economies of Havelock, Craven, and Carteret Counties, Eastern North Carolina; and  
17 all of this great State; and

18       Whereas, the National Marine Corps Aviation Museum will be a great source  
19 of civic involvement and pride and continue to foster a spirit of cooperation and  
20 admiration between North Carolina and our national military services; and

21       Whereas, the presence of this national museum will visibly symbolize the  
22 patriotism we hold dear for our armed services; and

23       Whereas, the National Marine Corps Aviation Museum will involve the  
24 citizens of all of North Carolina and the United States of America; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the A.A.  
3 Cunningham Air Museum Foundation, Inc., the sum of three million dollars  
4 (\$3,000,000) for the 1992-93 fiscal year for construction of the nationally famous and  
5 important National Marine Corps Aviation Museum. These public funds shall be  
6 matched on a two-to-one private to public basis.

7           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992.