

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1535

Short Title: Marine Corps Museum Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives K. Williams, Preston, Grady (Primary Sponsors);
Gorman and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 19, 2004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE MARINE CORPS MUSEUM OF
2 THE CAROLINAS.
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4 Whereas, thousands of men and women have proudly served in the United
5 States Marine Corps; and

6 Whereas, many of these men and women have trained at Camp Lejeune and
7 Marine Corps Air Station New River in Onslow County and Marine Corps Air Station
8 Cherry Point in Craven County; and

9 Whereas, the locations of these training facilities have been beneficial to
10 Onslow and Craven Counties and the surrounding areas, generating millions of dollars
11 for the community and attracting new residents and businesses; and

12 Whereas, there is strong community support in Onslow and Craven Counties
13 in establishing the Marine Corps Museum of the Carolinas to preserve the history of and
14 pay tribute to these marines; and

15 Whereas, the museum will promote the Marine Corps' ongoing presence in
16 North Carolina and South Carolina; and

17 Whereas, the museum will feature exhibits that honor the people who had to
18 be relocated for the establishment of Marine Corps bases and stations in the Carolinas;
19 and

20 Whereas, the museum will display the contributions made by Carolina
21 marines during all wars, military campaigns, and peacekeeping missions from World
22 War II to the present; and

23 Whereas, the museum will serve as a research and education center, as well as
24 a facility for community activities and will provide data regarding the training that took
25 place at Camp Lejeune for women marines, canine units, and the Montford Point
26 Marines, who were the first African-American marines; and

27 Whereas, the museum is expected to generate approximately 11.25 million
28 dollars annually through visitor spending; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Marine
3 Corps Museum of the Carolinas, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of four million dollars
4 (\$4,000,000) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to assist with the construction of a museum
5 to honor the men and women who have served in the United States Marine Corps in the
6 Carolinas.

7 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.