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HOUSE BILL 1627

Short Title: Erwin Textile Museum Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Hall and Davis.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 28, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CREATION OF A TEXTILE
2 MUSEUM IN THE TOWN OF ERWIN IN HARNETT COUNTY.
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4 Whereas, the Town of Erwin in Harnett County has been designated as the
5 denim capital of the world by virtue of two large plants located in the town which
6 manufacture approximately 1,000,000 linear yards of denim per week; and

7 Whereas, denim produced in the Town of Erwin is currently sold in
8 manufactured products in every country of the world; and

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

11 Whereas, the Town of Erwin (formerly the Town of Duke) developed from the
12 creation of a company-owned mill town into an independent small town; and

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

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

19 Whereas, the textile museum will encourage tourism to other local attractions
20 including the General William C. Lee Museum of Dunn which memorializes the father of

1 the United States Airborne, the two local Civil War battlegrounds of Averagesboro and
2 Bentonville, the contemporary textile milling tours currently offered in the Town of
3 Erwin, and the nearby campus of Campbell University at Buies Creek; and

4 Whereas, the creation of a new local attraction will further enhance the local
5 economies through the creation of jobs and collaborative revenues based upon the Town
6 of Erwin's close proximity to tourist travel along I-95 and I-40; Now, therefore,
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Town of Erwin
9 in Harnett County the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1998-99
10 fiscal year for the creation of a textile museum in the Town of Erwin.

11 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.