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HOUSE BILL 774*

Short Title: Haywood Agriculture Ctr. Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ramsey and Beall.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 3, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AN AGRICULTURE CENTER IN
HAYWOOD COUNTY.**

Whereas, agriculture is vital to the economy of North Carolina and Haywood County; and

Whereas, the need exists to recognize the growing demands placed on the agricultural community; and

Whereas, there is a need to provide adequate facilities and consolidate services provided to agriculture by local, State, and federal agencies; and

Whereas, the possibility of constructing and operating an agriculture center for the benefit of Haywood and other Western North Carolina counties is a commendable and achievable goal; and

Whereas, this facility will be located on property adjacent to the North Carolina Agriculture Mountain Research Station in Haywood County; and

Whereas, the facility will house offices and work stations for the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the USDA Farm Service Agency, the USDA Rural Development Area Office, and the Haywood Soil and Water Conservation District Office; and

1 Whereas, the facility will be used as a "one-stop" service center for agriculture
2 and other related interests for Haywood and other Western North Carolina counties;
3 Now, therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Haywood County
6 the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for the
7 construction of a facility to serve as an agriculture center.

8 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.