GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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S SENATE BILL 1098*

Short Title: Cooleemee Historic Site Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors: Senator Cochrane.	_
Referred to: Appropriations.	_

May 13, 1998

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CREATION OF COOLEEMEE'S TEXTILE HERITAGE HISTORIC SITE IN THE TOWN OF COOLEEMEE IN DAVIE COUNTY.

Whereas, the State of North Carolina is greatly indebted for the wealth and prosperity generated by its cotton textile industry; and

Whereas, there is no fitting monument to those men, women, and children who carded, spun, and wove the products of this industry; and

Whereas, in the Town of Cooleemee exists the State's only museum telling the story of the South's unique mill village culture; and

Whereas, Cooleemee's Textile Heritage Center recently brought together an impressive assembly of scholars and representatives from 27 mill villages, creating a permanent regional effort to document the history and heritage of cotton mill people; and

Whereas, during the past eight years these efforts have won an impressive array of national and State awards; and

Whereas, the Town of Cooleemee plans to expand its public history capacity by developing a mill house museum, other exhibits, and an outdoor drama and public park on the beautiful shoals of the South Yadkin River; and

Whereas, the location of the Town of Cooleemee provides easy access from both the I-40 and I-85 corridors, making heritage tourism partnerships feasible with State-run historic sites such as the North Carolina Transportation Museum in the Town of Spencer; and Whereas, the development of the Cooleemee Textile Heritage Historic Site will enhance Davie County's economy through the creation of jobs and stimulation of small business; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Cooleemee Historical Association in Davie County the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for the creation of Cooleemee's Textile Heritage Historic Site.

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