

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 869*

Short Title: Core Sound Waterfowl Museum Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives McElraft; Harrison and Underhill.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 19, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CORE SOUND WATERFOWL
2 MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTER ON HARKERS ISLAND, NORTH
3 CAROLINA.
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5 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center was
6 established in 1992 to support, preserve, and celebrate the way of life and cultural
7 traditions of North Carolina's coastal maritime communities; and

8 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center serves as
9 a regional partner and leader in rural heritage tourism development, community
10 preservation, and promotion of North Carolina's traditional arts; and

11 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center serves all
12 of eastern North Carolina as a community resource for documenting, preserving, and
13 celebrating traditional communities along the Outer Banks and mainland of eastern
14 North Carolina; and

15 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center hosts
16 more than 6,000 school children annually, who come from across North Carolina and
17 beyond to eastern Carteret County to learn about North Carolina's coastal environment
18 and cultural heritage; and

19 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center
20 contributes to education, research, philanthropy, and tourism; and

21 Whereas, there is overwhelming community support for the completion of the
22 Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center; and

23 Whereas, private donors have contributed 70% of the \$3.4 million towards
24 the project; and

25 Whereas, it is imperative that the State take a lead role to ensure future
26 generations are exposed to the rich heritages and history of North Carolina; Now,
27 therefore,

28 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Core
2 Sound Waterfowl Museum, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of three hundred fifty
3 thousand dollars (\$350,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to cover costs associated with
4 construction of the exhibits/gallery portion of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and
5 Heritage Center and to provide additional staff support for work development, securing
6 programming grants, and annual giving programs for the Core Sound Waterfowl
7 Museum and Heritage Center.

8 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.