

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1969 SESSION

CHAPTER 1291
HOUSE BILL 511

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION
2 OF A MUSEUM-VISITOR CENTER FOR THE CONFEDERATE GUNBOAT C.S.S.
3 NEUSE.
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5 WHEREAS, the C.S.S. Neuse was built about twenty miles west of Kinston on the
6 Neuse River in 1861 and later moved to Kinston where it was sunk in 1865; and

7 WHEREAS, the C.S.S. Neuse has been removed from the Neuse River and placed
8 on State property at the Governor Richard Caswell Memorial Site just west of the City of
9 Kinston for public exhibition and permanent preservation; and

10 WHEREAS, the City of Kinston and the County of Lenoir have each allocated
11 \$13,500.00 for this project; and

12 WHEREAS, The Richardson Foundation has allocated \$7,000.00 for this project;
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14 WHEREAS, the General Assembly of North Carolina has allocated \$90,000.00 for
15 this project; and

16 WHEREAS, there was allocated \$10,000.00 in 1964 from the Governor's
17 Contingency and Emergency fund for this project; and

18 WHEREAS, there is now available approximately \$26,000.00 left after the cost of
19 construction of a suitable protective building over the Gunboat; and

20 WHEREAS, a Museum-Visitor Center is needed in order to display a large
21 collection of artifacts taken from the C.S.S. Neuse hull during salvage operation; and

22 WHEREAS, appropriations previously made for the purposes cited above has
23 proved insufficient;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

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26 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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28 **Section 1.** In order to construct a Museum-Visitor Center to display the artifacts
29 recovered from the C.S.S. Neuse the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) is hereby
30 appropriated from the General Fund of the State to the State Department of Archives and
31 History.

32 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

33 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect upon its ratification.

34 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 2nd day of July,
35 1969.