

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1068  
HOUSE BILL 543

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE HOTEL FREEMAN (PEARL)  
HISTORICAL SITE IN WINDSOR.

Whereas, the Hotel Freeman in Windsor was constructed before the Civil War; and

Whereas, the Hotel Freeman was the best known of the hotels in Windsor, which in the 19th century was a center for steamboat and rail traffic; and

Whereas, the hotel is of historical and architectural significance because of the Greek Revival exterior and the number of excellent Greek Revival doors; and

Whereas, the importance of the hotel in the life of Windsor was reflected in a story in a local newspaper following a severe fire in the town in 1888, when the newspaper said that "Freeman and Mizell's large white hotel stood out like a medieval castle on a plain"; and

Whereas, with restoration the Hotel Freeman can be used as a Chamber of Commerce, a home for the Historic Properties Commission, an office building with space available for rent and can also be used to entertain industrial clients; and

Whereas, a State appropriation for restoration of the hotel will be matched by the Town of Windsor and by private contributions; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the 1981-82 fiscal year for an adaptive restoration of the Hotel Freeman (Pearl) by the Town of Windsor.

**Sec. 2.** Funds appropriated by this act shall not be expended unless a like amount is raised to match the grant-in-aid on a dollar for dollar basis.

**Sec. 3.** Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

**Sec. 4.** This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of October, 1981.