

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1981 SESSION

CHAPTER 1104
HOUSE BILL 935

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SWANSBORO'S 200TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

Whereas, the Town of Swansboro was erected, incorporated, and named by an act of the General Assembly ratified on 6 May 1783; and

Whereas, the Town of Swansboro is the oldest continuously existing town in Onslow County and was historically the cultural and economic center of the county for a century following the town's establishment; and

Whereas, the town flourished as a port for many years, first as part of the Port Beaufort customs district and, after 1786, as Port Swannsborough; and

Whereas, the citizens of Swansboro have exhibited unquestionable patriotism in all the American wars from the Revolution to modern times, the town being the home of North Carolina's most famous hero of the War of 1812, Captain Otway Burns; and

Whereas, the town was named for one of North Carolina's most famous Colonial leaders, Samuel Swann, editor of Swann's Revisal and Speaker of the North Carolina House of Commons and Onslow's representative from 1738 to 1762; and

Whereas, the town has a deep-seated appreciation for its history and heritage, contains many historically and architecturally important structures, and actively seeks to preserve manuscripts, iconographic records and folk customs of the town; and

Whereas, the Swansboro Town Board on 3 April 1980 appointed an official standing committee to plan and conduct the town's 200th anniversary celebration, to consist of numerous individual events spaced throughout the year 1983; and

Whereas, the contemplated celebration will have great educational, historical, and patriotic value for the people of the town, county, and State; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, for the fiscal year 1981-82 the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), which shall be available to Swansboro's 200th Anniversary Celebration Committee for the purpose of planning and conducting an appropriate bicentennial celebration for the Town of Swansboro, including operating expenses, publications, research, exhibits, musical and dramatic events, acquisition of a fitting monument to Captain Otway Burns, a historical seminar, and other commemorative events.

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

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