

1 Whereas, by 1992, all of the four national cemeteries in North Carolina will
2 be filled, the Wilmington cemetery having filled and closed at the end of 1986; and

3 Whereas, the Veterans Administration has gone to a regional concept for
4 national cemeteries, with the nearest such facility being in the State of Alabama; and

5 Whereas, veterans deserve burial in close proximity to their families and
6 friends and deserve not to be transported to Alabama for burial; and

7 Whereas, the Veterans Administration matches state funds on a dollar-for-
8 dollar basis to encourage states to build veterans cemeteries; Now, therefore,
9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
11 Veterans Affairs, Department of Administration, the sum of eight hundred thousand
12 dollars (\$800,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year for fees, advanced planning, site
13 improvements, and construction costs of the two veterans cemeteries to be established
14 in the 3rd and 11th United States Congressional Districts in accordance with Article 8A
15 of Chapter 65 of the General Statutes.

16 Sec. 2. Funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act shall provide for the
17 employment of one project manager and administrative expenses. The project manager
18 shall be a time-limited position of no more than two years at a pay grade 74, subject to
19 the provisions of Chapter 126 of the General Statutes.

20 Sec. 3. Funds appropriated in Section 1 of this act that are not expended by
21 the end of the 1989-90 fiscal year may not revert, but shall be used for fees, planning,
22 site improvements, or construction costs for the veterans cemetery to be established in
23 the 7th United States Congressional District in accordance with Article 8A of Chapter
24 65 of the General Statutes.

25 Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.