

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2005**

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HOUSE BILL 401*

Short Title: Single Sisters House Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Howard, Parmon (Primary Sponsors); and Setzer.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 1, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RESTORE THE HISTORIC SINGLE
2 SISTERS HOUSE ON THE CAMPUS OF SALEM ACADEMY AND COLLEGE.
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4 Whereas, Salem College, founded in 1772, has continuously educated
5 women, including students of African and American Indian descent, longer than any
6 other institution in the nation; and

7 Whereas, in 1785, the Single Sisters House was built to house single women,
8 including teachers and students, at Salem Academy and College; and

9 Whereas, the Single Sisters House is the nation's oldest building continuously
10 dedicated to the education of women and is North Carolina's oldest college building;
11 and

12 Whereas, Salem Academy and College and the Single Sisters House remain
13 integral to the culture and heritage preserved within historic Old Salem; and

14 Whereas, the Single Sisters House served as a Salem College dormitory until
15 1992, when deteriorating conditions made it unsuitable for that purpose; and

16 Whereas, Salem Academy and College has made plans to restore and
17 preserve the Single Sisters House; and

18 Whereas, the restored Single Sisters House will include museum space,
19 special event rooms, and community meeting areas, all of which will be open to the
20 public; and

21 Whereas, Salem Academy and College has received funding from the
22 National Park Service's "Save America's Treasures" fund, but additional funding is
23 needed to restore the Single Sisters House and preserve its history for the people of
24 North Carolina; Now, therefore,

25 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

26 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Salem
27 Academy and College the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2005-2006
28 fiscal year to help restore and preserve the historic Single Sisters House for Salem
29 Academy and College and the public.

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SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.