

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE DRH60131-LG-57A\* (02/07)**

Short Title: Historic Oak Grove School Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Brown, Parmon, and Womble (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE HISTORIC OAK GROVE SCHOOL  
3 IN FORSYTH COUNTY.

4       Whereas, during the early 1900s, the Oak Grove School was built to educate  
5 African-Americans living in the Bethania community of Forsyth County; and

6       Whereas, this one-room building served as a schoolhouse until 1950 and  
7 became a neighborhood store for the Washington Town community in the 1960s; and

8       Whereas, in 1997, plans were made to restore the Oak Grove School and  
9 preserve its history; and

10       Whereas, in 2002, restoration of the Oak Grove School was completed after  
11 receiving numerous donations, including a grant from the National Trust for Historic  
12 Preservation; and

13       Whereas, the Oak Grove School is listed on the National Register of Historic  
14 Places and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Local Historic Register; and

15       Whereas, the Oak Grove School currently serves as a community center that  
16 has attracted more than 1,000 visitors since its restoration and has hosted such programs  
17 as English as a Second Language, One World Art Exhibit, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
18 Birthday Observance, and Historic Preservation Month; Now, therefore,  
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Washington  
21 Town Community Assn., Inc., a nonprofit organization, the sum of fifty thousand  
22 dollars (\$50,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to retire the debt for the renovations of  
23 Oak Grove School.

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