A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CAROLINAS AVIATION MUSEUM.

Whereas, the Carolinas Aviation Museum (CAM) is developing a multi-building technology-focused campus of over 105,000 square feet that will provide STEM education linking students to North Carolina's expanding careers in aviation and aerospace; and

Whereas, CAM's mission focuses on creating access to STEM and careers for North Carolina's underserved regions and populations by bringing together our State's aviation/aerospace industries to address workforce development and industry retention and recruitment; and

Whereas, investment in the Carolinas Aviation Museum will further North Carolina's rich heritage in aviation history and strengthen our State's leadership position in aviation/aerospace and STEM innovation through the support of a new aviation museum already generating national and international interest; and

Whereas, CAM is looking to leverage the State's leadership position in aviation/aerospace to form a statewide alliance connecting and driving the development of the aviation/aerospace industry sector throughout North Carolina, strengthening and expanding the STEM career pipeline essential to propelling North Carolina's aviation/aerospace industries, and increasing tourism from national and international audiences; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of ten million dollars ($10,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to the Carolinas Aviation Museum, a nonprofit corporation, for its multi-building technology-focused campus to provide STEM education linking students to North Carolina's expanding careers in the aviation and aerospace industries.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.