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Short Title: RSVP Program/Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors: Representatives Bowman; Hall and Wood.	
Referred to: Human Resources.	

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER
PROGRAM (RSVP).

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Whereas, the growth of the aging population represents one of the greatest transitions of this nation's population; and

Whereas, from 1980 to 2000, the 80 year and over population group will increase by one hundred thirty-one percent (131%) and the 65 and over population group will grow by sixty-four percent (64%); and

Whereas, currently, North Carolina spends some five times more on institutional care for the elderly than on community-based care; and

Whereas, there is a need for more comprehensive State policies that emphasize keeping the older adults at home as long as possible and in keeping these adults valuable, continuing members of the community; and

Whereas, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), established in 1971, provides a program that offers the older adults the opportunity to find meaningful ways to contribute their skills and wisdom to help meet the needs of their local communities; and

Whereas, there are currently 17 Retired Senior Volunteer Programs in the following 27 counties in North Carolina: Brunswick, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Cumberland, Davie, Durham, Forsyth, Granville, Guilford, Harnett, Henderson, Macon, Madison, Mecklenburg, Moore, New Hanover, Orange, Pender, Surry, Transylvania, Union, Wake, Wayne, and Yadkin; and

Whereas, federal funding for this program has not increased since 1975; and

1	Whereas, there is currently no federal funding available to start new Retired
2	Senior Volunteer Programs; and
3	Whereas, there is a great need and demand for the Retired Senior Volunteer
4	Programs from local areas; Now, therefore,
5	The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
6	Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of
7	Aging, Department of Human Resources the sum of three hundred thousand dollars
8	(\$300,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year to fund Retired Senior Volunteer Programs
9	(RSVP), to be allocated as follows:
10	(1) Two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to fund new Retired Senior
11	Volunteer Programs; and
12	(2) One hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) to fund existing Retired
13	Senior Volunteer Programs.
14	The program guidelines and standards for programs funded under this act shall be in
15	accordance with requirements developed by the Department of Human Resources. The
16	Department of Human Resources shall consider requirements that would require local
17	matching funds for programs funded under this act.
18	Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.