

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH10002-LG-38 (1/16)

Short Title: Vietnam Veterans Memorial Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cleveland and Grady (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ONSLOW VIETNAM VETERANS
3 MEMORIAL.

4 Whereas, millions of men and women have proudly served in the United
5 States armed services; and

6 Whereas, many of these men and women have trained at Fort Bragg Army
7 Base, Pope Air Force Base, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, Camp Lejeune Marine
8 Corps Base, Marine Corps Air Station New River, and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry
9 Point; and

10 Whereas, the locations of these training facilities have been beneficial to
11 North Carolina and the surrounding areas, generating millions of dollars for the
12 communities and attracting new residents and businesses; and

13 Whereas, there is strong community support in building the Onslow Vietnam
14 Veterans Memorial; and

15 Whereas, plans have been made to locate the Onslow Vietnam Veterans
16 Memorial adjacent to the Beirut Memorial in the Lejeune Memorial Gardens at Camp
17 Lejeune, North Carolina; and

18 Whereas, the present Beirut Memorial draws an average of 4,000 visitors per
19 year and generates more than \$400,000 into the local economy; and

20 Whereas, the addition of the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial would
21 increase visitors by the thousands each year and increase tourism spending in Onslow
22 County and North Carolina; and

23 Whereas, the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial will feature the names of
24 the 58,229 men and women who died in the Vietnam War while serving in the armed
25 forces as well as the names of the POW/MIAs still missing; and

1 Whereas, the Onslow Vietnam Veterans Memorial will provide a place of
2 solitude for visitors to remember their loved ones and for Marines to remember those
3 gone before them; Now, therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Onslow
6 Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of one
7 million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to
8 assist with the construction of a memorial to honor the men and women who served in
9 the armed forces of the United States during the Vietnam era.

10 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.