

1 dedicated to every branch of the military including the National Guard, Coast Guard, and
2 Air National Guard; and

3 Whereas, the museum would consist of military archives, military
4 memorabilia, and a convention center; and

5 Whereas, a site along Interstate 95 in Harnett County has been proposed to
6 serve as the location for the museum due to its proximity to other military points of
7 interest such as Fort Bragg, the largest military base in the world, Pope Air Force Base,
8 the Bentonville Battleground, the Averasboro Battlefield, the Airborne and Special
9 Operations Museum in the City of Fayetteville, the General William C. Lee Memorial
10 Museum in Harnett County, and the U.S.S. North Carolina Battleship in the City of
11 Wilmington; and

12 Whereas, the establishment of such a museum would not only boost tourism in
13 Harnett County and stimulate tourism at other military attractions across the State, it
14 would also enhance tourism in the Capital City of Raleigh and other points of interest;
15 Now, therefore,

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to The General
18 William C. Lee Memorial Commission, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of three
19 million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for planning and purchasing land
20 for a museum dedicated to all branches of service of the military located in Harnett
21 County.

22 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.