GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2007**

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HOUSE DRH20053-LG-430 (3/15)

Short Title: Funds for Grassroots Science Museums. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Dickson and Carney (Primary Sponsors).

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GRASSROOTS SCIENCE MUSEUMS COLLABORATIVE ADMINISTERED BY THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES TO IMPROVE SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 7 SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the 8 Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of four million 9 five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for funding of 10 the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative, which is administered by the North 11 12 Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences and provides a forum to strengthen science and technology centers in the State. Each grassroots science museum shall receive fifty 13 14 thousand dollars (\$50,000) in funding and an additional percentage based on the operating budget of the museum. The participating museums of the Grassroots Science 15 Museums Collaborative serve all 100 counties and are located in North Carolina in the 16 17 cities of Asheville, Aurora, Brevard, Charlotte, Durham, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, 18 Gastonia, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Highlands, Huntersville, Lumberton, Morehead, Ocean Isle, Oxford, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Rutherfordton, Statesville, 19

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

Whiteville, Wilson, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem.