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HOUSE BILL DRH10142-LG-71

Short Title: Adopt Veterans History Museum. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Clampitt.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT ADOPTING THE VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM OF THE CAROLINAS AS
THE STATE'S VETERANS HISTORY MUSEUM.

Whereas, the Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas opened in the Town of
Brevard in 2016; and

Whereas, the mission of the Museum is "to honor our nation's veterans, to educate the
public about our country's military history and the contribution of our service men and women,
and to preserve important and unique historic artifacts"; and

Whereas, the Museum honors veterans of all branches of the military but especially
those of the Carolinas and the north Georgia region by displaying artifacts from the 20th century
to the present; and

Whereas, the Museum has a large collection of unique military artifacts, uniforms,
weaponry, original newspapers, personal letters, and other one-of-a-kind items, such as a WWI
six-person Maxim machine gun, a 1943 Willys Jeep and 1942 Harley-Davidson motorcycle used
in WWII-Europe, and exhibits honoring women in the military and the United States Merchant
Marine; and

Whereas, the Museum serves as a gathering place for veterans to meet informally,
share stories, and make new friends. Monthly programs include "Veterans Coffee &
Conversation," which provides a welcoming and private space for combat and non-combat
veterans to talk and listen; and

Whereas, the Museum has six professionally-produced, copyrighted videos,
"Through Their Eyes," to teach the history of each American war since WWI, using local
veterans' stories; and

Whereas, the Museum is free to the public and is staffed by volunteers; and

Whereas, the State does not have an official veterans' history museum; Now,
therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
section to read:

"§ 145-52. State veterans history museum.

**The Veterans History Museum of the Carolinas, located in Transylvania County, is adopted
as the official Veterans History Museum of the State of North Carolina."**

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

