## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA **SESSION 2021**

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## **SENATE BILL 492**

	Short Title:	Establish NC Textile Museum.	(Public)	
-	Sponsors:	Senator Craven (Primary Sponsor).		
_	Referred to:	Rules and Operations of the Senate		
	April 5, 2021			
1	A BILL TO BE ENTITLED			
2	AN ACT T	AN ACT TO CREATE THE NORTH CAROLINA TEXTILE MUSEUM AND TO		
3	APPROP	APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE SAME.		
4	Whereas, the North Carolina Office of Archives and History was directed, pursuant			
5	to S.L. 2019-118, to evaluate the feasibility of establishing a textile museum to preserve and			
6	interpret the State's textile heritage and industrial history; and			
7	Whereas, the feasibility study report was submitted to the North Carolina Historical			
8	Commission on May 29, 2020, and approved unanimously at the Commission's meeting on			
9	September 3, 2020; and Whenever, the feasibility study report was submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight			
10 11	Whereas, the feasibility study report was submitted to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources on July 17, 2020; and			
11	Whereas, the Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, is the			
12	owner of real property in Franklinville and Cedar Falls on the Deep River in Randolph County,			
14	which includes two of the earliest cotton textile mills in the State; and			
15	Whereas, Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., is also the custodian of 25,000			
16		textile history artifacts and machinery acquired from the		
17	History Museum in Lowell, Massachusetts, now warehoused in its properties; and			
18	Whereas, the feasibility study committee evaluated the Randolph Heritage properties			
19	and collections and found them to be "exceptionalunrivaled in its breadth and depth and			
20	•	the American Society of Mechanical Engineers as a nati		
21	Whereas, Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., has spent more than \$400,000 to			
22	-	transport its collections to North Carolina and to purchas	se sufficient space to house	
23	-	them to the public; and		
24		hereas, Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc.'s, propertie		
25		ible to the public and provide a variety of synergetic r		
26		with the nearby Deep River State Trail and North Caroli	-	
27 28		hereas, Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., is of understanding with the Department of Natural and C	-	
28 29		at Cedar Falls and the American Textile Technology col	-	
30		in phases, pursuant to the implementation of busine		
31		and exhibit plans; and	sos actorophiene, staring,	
32	1 0 0	Thereas, Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., acting a	as the museum's nonprofit	
33		o, can coordinate administrative and operational function	-	
34		and properties required to accommodate the public, purs		
35	the State; Nov	w, therefore,	•	
36	The General A	Assembly of North Carolina enacts:		



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1 **SECTION 1.** There is established the North Carolina Textile Museum to preserve 2 the State's textile industrial heritage and mill village culture; to demonstrate the science, 3 engineering, and technology involved in that industry; and to present it to a wide public audience 4 in an interesting and entertaining way.

5 **SECTION 2.** The recommendations of the Textile Museum Feasibility Study 6 Committee are adopted, and the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is directed to 7 work with Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., to develop and implement a comprehensive 8 plan for a textile museum and to plan for the transfer of assets and responsibilities to the State in 9 an orderly fashion.

10 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Randolph Heritage 11 Conservancy, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) 12 in nonrecurring funds for each year of the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium to implement a 13 comprehensive plan for the North Carolina Textile Museum under the supervision of the 14 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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**SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.