

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 107*

Short Title: Folkmoot USA Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Haire and Ramsey.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 18, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO NORTH CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL**
3 **FOLK FESTIVAL, INC., FOR FOLKMOOT USA.**

Whereas, North Carolina International Folk Festival, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, has sponsored an international folk festival, Folkmoot USA, since 1984; and

Whereas, Folkmoot USA will be held July 12-25, 1999, in Haywood County, and will host folk groups from 11 countries and hold programs in nine North Carolina counties; and

Whereas, to date, more than 155 folk groups have traveled to Western North Carolina from 80 counties to participate in the Festival; and

Whereas, annually, more than 75,000 visitors from 44 states and more than 200 North Carolina towns participate in Folkmoot USA; and

Whereas, Folkmoot USA has been named a Top 100 Event in North America by the American Bus Association, a Top 20 Event in the Southeast by the Southeastern Tourism Society for 13 consecutive years, and one of North Carolina's most outstanding festivals; and

Whereas, Folkmoot USA generates more than \$3,000,000 annually, greatly impacting the local economy of Western North Carolina; Now, therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to North Carolina
2 International Folk Festival, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of fifty thousand dollars
3 (\$50,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year for operational costs of Folkmoot USA, the
4 annual international folk festival held at Waynesville, North Carolina.

5 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.