

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1971 SESSION

CHAPTER 1088
SENATE BILL 300

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE HEZEKIAH
ALEXANDER HOME, KNOWN AS "THE OLD ROCK HOUSE."

Whereas, Hezekiah Alexander was an ardent champion in the movement for independence from the British Crown; and

Whereas, in August, 1775, Hezekiah Alexander was appointed to a Committee of Safety for the Salisbury District, which included Mecklenburg within its bounds; and

Whereas, on May 11, 1776, Hezekiah Alexander was again appointed with William Sharpe on the Council of Safety which governed the State of North Carolina and afterwards held the position in April, 1776, of Paymaster to the Fourth Regiment of the North Carolina Continental Line; and

Whereas, in 1776 Hezekiah Alexander was elected to the Provincial Congress of North Carolina and was instrumental in drafting the first Constitution of the State; and

Whereas, Hezekiah Alexander's home, built in 1774 and still standing in Charlotte, is one of North Carolina's most notable historical and architectural landmarks and is believed to be the oldest home in Mecklenburg County; and

Whereas, the historic rock house and its dependencies are being restored by the Hezekiah Alexander Foundation, Inc., for the education and enjoyment of our own and future generations; and

Whereas, more than one hundred forty thousand dollars (\$140,000) has been raised or pledged from non-state sources in cash or in services for the restoration; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated out of the General Fund of the State of North Carolina to the Department of Archives and History the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be used for the restoration of the Hezekiah Alexander home, known as "The Old Rock House," subject to the provisions of G.S. 143-31.2 of the Executive Budget Act; Provided, however, that a like amount in non-State funds is raised from local sources to be used for the above purposes.

Sec. 2. All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall become effective upon its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 21st day of July, 1971.