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SENATE BILL

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By: Senator Jewell

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO BE USED IN MAKING GRANTS, ON A MATCHING BASIS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ARKANSAS MUSEUM OF AVIATION HISTORY, AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OUTDOOR AIR PARK FOR THE PRESERVATION AND DISPLAY OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT OF HISTORICAL AND MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE, FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 1991; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The General Assembly is cognizant of the significant role aviation has played in the economic development and growth of this state and of the many contributions that citizens of Arkansas have made to aviation. The Arkansas Aviation Historical Society, Inc., a non-profit corporation, has been established to engage in the preservation and public display of a significant number of aircraft that have played an important role in the aviation history in this state, and proposes to develop an Arkansas Museum of Aviation History for such purpose, including the maintenance of archival materials of major events and circumstances that exemplify Arkansas' contribution to aviation history. In addition, the Little Rock Air Force Base Historical Foundation, Inc., a private non-profit corporation, has been founded to provide for the construction and operation, at a site on the Little Rock Air Force Base, of an Outdoor Air Park for the preservation and display of military aircraft of historical and military significance, and of the role that Arkansas has played in the aviation efforts for the national defense. The General Assembly hereby determines that the development of an Arkansas Museum of Aviation History and the development of the Outdoor Air Park at the Little Rock Air Force Base would make available to this and future generations a living memorial to the history and development of the aviation industry in

this state, and the providing of the aforementioned facilities would serve a public purpose. Therefore, the funds appropriated in this act are intended to assist in the development of such facilities for the benefit of the people of this state and to contribute to tourism and the economic development of the state that would result therefrom.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATIONS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration, to be payable from the State General Improvement Fund, or successor fund or account, for providing construction grants, on a matching basis, in the manner provided in this act for an Arkansas Museum of Aviation History and for an Arkansas Air Park for the preservation and display of aircraft of historical and military significance, to be dispensed in the manner provided in this act, for the biennial period ending June 30, 1991, the following:

Item	BIENNIAL PERIOD
No. _____	ENDING JUNE 30, 1991 _____
(01) Grant to the Arkansas Aviation Historical Society, Inc., a private non-profit corporation, on a dollar per dollar matching basis, to be used for the construction of an Arkansas Museum of Aviation History, as provided herein to be open to the public, the sum of	\$1,500,000.00
(02) Grant to the Little Rock Air Force Base Historical Foundation, Inc., a private non-profit corporation, on a dollar per dollar matching basis, to be used for the construction of an Outdoor Air Park for the preservation and display of military aircraft of historical and military significance, as provided herein, to be open to the public, the sum of	___300,000.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$1,800,000.00

SECTION 3. AIR MUSEUM RESTRICTIONS. The funds appropriated under Item (01) of Section 2 of this act shall not be disbursed until all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The Arkansas Aviation Historical Society, Inc. has submitted to the Governor, and the Governor has reviewed and endorsed his approval thereon, of plans for the construction and operation of an Arkansas Museum of Aviation History as a facility designed for the storage and display of historically significant aircraft and archival materials relating to aviation, with specific emphasis on Arkansas' role in aviation history. Said facility shall be called the Arkansas Museum of Aviation History and shall be open to the public at regular business hours. Such Museum shall be located on land belonging to, or made available by, a municipal airport in central Arkansas in order that said Museum may be operated in the atmosphere and setting of a public airport. The lands for such Museum shall be provided either by donation or long-term lease, and none of the funds appropriated in this act may be used in payment thereof.

(b) Funds in the amount of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000.00) have been raised whereupon the state funds may be paid on a dollar per dollar matching basis to the Society.

(c) An agreement has been entered into by the Arkansas Aviation Historical Society, Inc., and governing body of the municipal airport setting out the conditions and restrictions governing the operations of the proposed Museum which made ample provision for access thereto by the public.

SECTION 4. AIR PARK RESTRICTIONS. The funds appropriated under Item (02) of Section 2 of this act shall not be disbursed until all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The Little Rock Air Force Base Historical Foundation, Inc. has submitted plans to the Governor for the construction and operation of an Outdoor Air Park to be used for the preservation and display of military aircraft of historical and military significance, to be open to the public, and to be located on land provided by the Little Rock Air Force Base. Such facility shall be called the Little Rock Air Force Base Outdoor Air Park, and the lands therefor shall be donated or provided to the Foundation by the appropriate authorities of the Little Rock Air Force Base, and no state funds appropriated in this act shall be used for payment thereof.

(b) Funds in the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) have been raised by the Foundation from private, local or other sources, and monies appropriated in this act shall not be made available to the Foundation

for the purposes of this act except on a dollar per dollar matching basis after the entire three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) has been raised by the Foundation.

(c) An agreement has been entered into between the Little Rock Air Force Base Historical Foundation, Inc. and the appropriate officials of the Little Rock Air Force Base setting out provisions governing the operations of the proposed park and providing access for the public for review of the aircraft displayed.

(d) The Governor has reviewed and approved the aforementioned plans and has certified to the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration his approval, whereupon, the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration shall, upon certification of the Society and the Foundation that all of the aforementioned conditions have been met, disburse the funds provided in this act whenever the same become available, in the manner provided by law.

SECTION 5. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this state, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

SECTION 6. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

SECTION 7. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.