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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 594  
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March 29, 1993

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE MEMORY OF PAUL GREEN,  
2 DRAMATIST LAUREATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND ESTABLISHING THE  
3 NORTH CAROLINA CENTER FOR THE BOOK.

4 Whereas, Paul Green, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright, was the official  
5 Dramatist Laureate of North Carolina, as designated by the General Assembly in  
6 recognition of his many contributions to the literary heritage of his native State; and

7 Whereas, Paul Green was the innovative creator of the symphonic drama, as  
8 exemplified by "The Lost Colony", which is the longest running outdoor drama in  
9 America; and

10 Whereas, this year, five of the 15 dramas that Paul Green authored are being  
11 presented in various parts of the country; and

12 Whereas, 1994 will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Paul Green in  
13 Harnett County; and

14 Whereas, in honor of the birth of Paul Green a celebration recognizing his life  
15 will be held in Harnett County during that year; and

16 Whereas, North Carolina has produced many other notable literary figures  
17 who have contributed to the State's literary heritage; and

18 Whereas, the General Assembly, in conjunction with the Library of Congress,  
19 supports the establishment of the North Carolina Center for the Book and, subsequently  
20 the North Carolina Literary Hall of Fame, in the historic public library in the Town of  
21 Southern Pines; and

22 Whereas, the purpose of the Center is to promote reading, celebrate our  
23 literary heritage, and develop writers; and

24 Whereas, the Town of Southern Pines will be vacating the present library  
25 building for a new location and facility; and

1           Whereas, proximity of the Weymouth Center and the Theatre would permit  
2 the holding of national and regional conferences and the performance of plays written  
3 by young playwrights or poetry readings; and

4           Whereas, the Center would build upon the significant contributions made by  
5 Dramatist Laureate Paul Green, Poet Laureate Sam Ragan and former Secretary of  
6 Cultural Resources, Sara Hodgkins, and the many other authors and journalists from  
7 North Carolina;

8 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

9           Section 1. The General Assembly honors the memory of Paul Green and  
10 supports efforts to create the North Carolina Center for the Book and the North Carolina  
11 Literary Hall of Fame to be located at the old Southern Pines Library building.

12           Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.