

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1993 SESSION
RATIFIED BILL

RESOLUTION 25
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 594

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sec. 2. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of July, 1993.

Dennis A. Wicker

President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives