

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Paul Green was a native son of the Cape Fear Region, having been born on March 17, 1894, near the geographic center of the great County of Harnett; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green found and developed in his early years in Harnett County the ideals and beliefs to which he subscribed for the balance of his long and distinguished life; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green knew the freedom of the woods, fields and rivers of Harnett County; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was a product of the schools and educational institutions of Harnett County, often walking to Buies Creek Academy along a portion of the course now taken by U. S. Highway No. 421 near the Village of Buies Creek; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was distinguished in many diverse endeavors, ranging from professional baseball to philosophy, to stripping fodder and picking cotton, to writing for major motion picture companies in Hollywood, California; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was honored during his life with numerous awards and by numerous professional accolades, including the Pulitzer Prize, a Guggenheim Award and a Kenan Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was a decorated veteran of World War I, having served as an officer in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was a man of conscience who believed that war is the great tragedy of all mankind; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was a man of great physical stature and prowess, yet a man of immense personal sensitivity who worked to promote understanding among people of all races and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was the originator of the symphonic drama in America whose characters and themes were faithful interpretations of life in the region of his birth and were as natural to the Cape Fear region as the cotton, yellow jasmine and dogwood he loved; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was a man of unwavering principle who would not be dissuaded from pursuit of his beliefs by the passing unpopularity of the causes which he felt were just; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green has been internationally recognized as a writer of poetry, plays, prose, sketches and short stories based in the reality of his youth in his home County of Harnett; and

WHEREAS, Paul Green was an honest, tender and gifted product of the Cape Fear region he so dearly loved; and

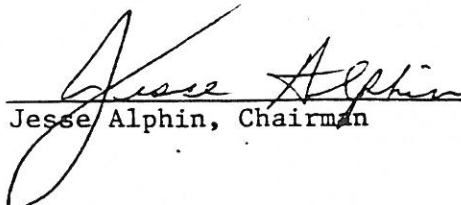
WHEREAS, Paul Green demonstrated an honest idealism faithful to the beliefs instilled in him during his youth in Harnett County; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that the county of the birth of Paul Green memorialize this acclaimed native son in a fitting and lasting manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Harnett that the North Carolina Department of Transportation shall be, and it is hereby, requested to dedicate U. S. Highway No. 421 as it runs through this great County as a fitting and proper memorial to Paul Green, such highway to be known as "The Paul Green Memorial Highway", that such highway once so dedicated be appropriately marked, and that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners at which it is adopted.

Duly adopted this Fifth Day of March, 1984.

HARNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Jesse Alphin, Chairman