

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1973 SESSION

CHAPTER 1234
SENATE BILL 1046

AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THOMAS
WOLFE MEMORIAL AS A STATE HISTORIC SITE.

Whereas, Thomas Wolfe was born at 92 Woodfin Street in Asheville, North Carolina, on October 3, 1900, and in the short 38 years of his life gained renown for himself and his State through eminence in literary achievement, his writings characterizing him as one of history's most gifted authors; and

Whereas, the formative years of Thomas Wolfe were spent at 48 Spruce Street, Asheville, in the Old Kentucky Home, referred to in his writings as Dixieland; and

Whereas, this historic literary shrine, now known as the Thomas Wolfe Memorial, was generously donated by his family to the City of Asheville and has become a popular North Carolina attraction, having in 1972 been designated as a National Historic Landmark by the United States Department of the Interior; and

Whereas, the City of Asheville, with the approval of Tom's sole surviving brother, Fred W. Wolfe, has agreed to donate the said Thomas Wolfe Memorial to the State of North Carolina for maintenance and operation as a State historic site, subject to favorable legislative action leading to acceptance by the State; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. That the Thomas Wolfe Memorial be incorporated into the statewide system of State historic sites to broaden the themes now covered in the system and ensure the appropriate and perpetual commemoration of the life and literary accomplishments of one of the State's most notable sons.

Sec. 2. This act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 1974.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 10th day of April, 1974.