

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1991**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 194**

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Sponsors: Senators Winner, Hyde; Daniel and Smith.

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Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

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February 27, 1991

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF ROBERT  
2 STRINGFIELD SWAIN, LATE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain was born in Asheville on July 25, 1921, to  
4 John Edward and Mozelle Brewster Stringfield Swain; and

5       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain graduated from Lee H. Edwards High  
6 School in 1939, attended Mars Hill College in 1939, the University of North Carolina at  
7 Chapel Hill from 1939 until 1940, Biltmore College in 1940, and the University of New  
8 Mexico from 1941 until 1942, and received a LLB degree from the University of North  
9 Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1949; and

10       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain served in the United States Army Corps as  
11 a first lieutenant from 1943 until 1946; and

12       Whereas, during World War II, Robert Stringfield Swain survived two  
13 plane crashes and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Flying Cross;  
14 and

15       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain practiced law in Asheville for a number of  
16 years and served as Solicitor of the 19th district of Buncombe and Madison Counties  
17 from 1955 until 1967; and

18       Whereas, in testimony to his distinguished service as a leader and public  
19 servant to the State, Robert Stringfield Swain was elected to the North Carolina Senate  
20 in 1977 and served continuous terms until his death in 1990; and

21       Whereas, while serving in the General Assembly, Robert Stringfield Swain  
22 chaired the Judiciary I Committee and the Special Ways and Means Committee; was  
23 vice chair of the State Government Committee, and was a member of several other

1 committees, including Appropriations; Appropriations on Education; Base Budget;  
2 Election Laws; Local Government and Regional Affairs; Small Business; Veteran and  
3 Military Affairs; Law Enforcement; and Senior Citizens; and

4       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain served on the Criminal Justice  
5 Commission of the Southern Legislative Conference and the Governor's Crime  
6 Commission; and

7       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain was a member of several professional,  
8 civic, and fraternal organizations, including the Buncombe County Bar Association, the  
9 North Carolina Bar Association, the North Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, Moose  
10 International, Phi Alpha Delta, the York Rite Masons, and the Shriners; and

11       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain was active in the Methodist Church,  
12 serving on the board of stewards and as a Sunday school teacher; and

13       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain died on August 19, 1990; and

14       Whereas, Robert Stringfield Swain is survived by his son, Robert Edward and  
15 four daughters: Jennifer Ellen, Barbara Giffen, Patricia Ann, and Katherine Anne;

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

17       Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to honor the life  
18 and memory of Robert Stringfield Swain and extends its deepest sympathy to his  
19 family.

20       Sec. 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution  
21 to the family of Robert Stringfield Swain.

22       Sec. 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.