

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1592\***

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Sponsors: Representatives Culp; Albertson, Bowman, Brawley, Brown, Colton, N.J. Crawford, Dockham, Gottovi, Greenwood, Isenhower, James, Mercer, Privette, Russell, Stewart, and Thompson.

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Referred to: Rules, Appointments and Calendar.

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June 4, 1992

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF GIFFORD  
2 PINCHOT AND COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDREDTH  
3 ANNIVERSARY OF FORESTRY IN NORTH CAROLINA AND IN THE  
4 UNITED STATES.

5       Whereas, Gifford Pinchot was born on 11 August 1865 in Simsbury,  
6 Connecticut; and

7       Whereas, Gifford Pinchot was graduated from Yale University in 1889, and  
8 studied at the National Forestry School in Nancy, France, with additional studies in  
9 Switzerland, Germany, and Austria; and

10       Whereas, upon his return to the United States in 1892, Gifford Pinchot began  
11 the first systematic forestry work in the United States at Biltmore, the estate of George  
12 W. Vanderbilt in North Carolina; and

13       Whereas, in 1896 Gifford Pinchot was made a member of the National Forest  
14 Commission of the National Academy of Sciences, which worked out the plan of forest  
15 reserves in the United States; and

16       Whereas, in 1897 Gifford Pinchot became the confidential forest agent to the  
17 Secretary of the Interior of the United States; and

18       Whereas, in 1898 Gifford Pinchot, chief of the Division of Forestry, which in  
19 1905 became the United States Forest Service of the United States Department of  
20 Agriculture; and

1           Whereas, Gifford Pinchot remained chief of the United States Forest Service  
2 until 1910, during which time the entire forest service system and its administration was  
3 established and placed on a firm footing; and

4           Whereas, during that time Gifford Pinchot also served as a member of the  
5 Public Lands Commission, which he initiated, and the Inland Waterways Commission;  
6 and

7           Whereas, Gifford Pinchot, through his distinguished government service, his  
8 enthusiasm, and his promotional work, firmly established the practice of forestry on a  
9 scientific and professional basis in the United States, and did much to advance the  
10 conservation movement in general; and

11           Whereas, Gifford Pinchot continued in a long and distinguished career of  
12 public service until his death in 1946; and

13           Whereas, Gifford Pinchot, by virtue of his employment at Biltmore in North  
14 Carolina, was the first practicing forester in the United States, and the birthplace of  
15 forestry in the United States is thus in the mountains of North Carolina; and

16           Whereas, in the one hundred years since 1892, forestry has risen to great  
17 importance in North Carolina; and

18           Whereas, North Carolina contains more than 18.7 million acres of  
19 commercial forestland valued at more than \$11,000,000,000 and which, through forest-  
20 related industries, provide jobs for more than 150,000 North Carolinians; and

21           Whereas, the annual value of timber harvested from our woodlands and  
22 delivered for processing exceeds \$480,000,000 and the annual shipments of lumber,  
23 furniture, paper, and other forest-based products exceeds \$12,000,000,000, making  
24 forestry and forest-based industry the second largest industry in the State; and

25           Whereas, the practice of forestry as promoted by Gifford Pinchot and those  
26 who have followed in his footsteps protects, preserves, and promotes not only forests  
27 but water quality, recreation, wildlife, fertile soils, and aesthetics; and

28           Whereas, the values inherent in sound forest practices are realized not only in  
29 economic terms but in the preservation of the priceless natural resources which are both  
30 our common heritage and our legacy to those who come after us; Now, therefore,

31 Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

32           Section 1. The General Assembly of North Carolina wishes to honor the life  
33 and memory of Gifford Pinchot.

34           Sec. 2. The General Assembly of North Carolina declares the year 1992 to be  
35 the Centennial of Forestry in North Carolina and in the United States.

36           Sec. 3. The General Assembly of North Carolina urges the citizens of the  
37 State to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of forestry by appropriate  
38 observances and to remember the importance of our forests to our economy and to our  
39 way of life.

40           Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon ratification.