

Billy Graham Statue May Rise in North Carolina Capitol

Some members of the North Carolina legislature say it's time to honor Billy Graham with a statue inside the U.S. Capitol building.

Bills in the state's House and Senate describe the 96-year-old evangelist as a man who "continues to inspire the world with his good works."

Every state is allotted two statues in the Capitol's Statuary Hall Collection, and states are allowed to make changes.

A statue of Graham would replace one of former Gov. Charles Aycock, linked to the white supremacy movement over a century ago. A biography from 1912 said Aycock "believed in the right of the white man to rule as profoundly as he believed in God," *The News Observer* reported.

Born in Charlotte, Graham has preached in more than 185 countries and territories. He has also counseled and prayed with several presidents and has been a respected leader in the evangelical movement.