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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - The governor who helped set the stage for today's Republican Party leadership is the focus of a new biography.

Written by author John Hood, "Catalyst: Jim Martin and the Rise of North Carolina Republicans" focuses on Martin's role in turning the state from solidly blue to a battleground state where Republicans control the General Assembly and governor's seat.

Martin served as governor from 1985 to 1993.

" His blending of pro-growth tax policies with a coherent strategy for improving core public services -- an approach Martin called 'constructive conservatism' -- served to give an entire generation of Republicans the tools they needed not only to win elections for local and state offices later on but also to govern effectively, " writes Hood.

Martin and Hood will travel the state this fall making joint appearances to discuss the book, which is published by Blair Publishing.