

RESOLUTION FOR CLAUD PAW MESSER HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, Claud G. Messer, known as “Paw,” was a lifelong resident of Haywood County; and

WHEREAS, Messer was a founding member of the Jonathan Creek Volunteer Fire Department in 1986, served as the chairman of the department’s board of directors and a captain in the department for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Messer was known for his caring and generous nature, his leadership and guidance, along with his support of the community; and

WHEREAS, Messer delivered firewood and heating oil to Haywood County residents who could not afford it, paying these costs with his own money; and

WHEREAS, Messer’s leadership allowed the Jonathan Creek Volunteer Fire Department to build a state-of-the-art facility and purchase necessary equipment without incurring debt; and

WHEREAS, Messer had a distinguished 30-year career as a Haywood County Volunteer Firefighter and was looked upon by his peers with respect and admiration; and

WHEREAS, Messer was tragically killed when responding to a fire call September 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners desires to honor Claud “Paw” Messer for his sacrifice and dedication to Haywood County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation honorarily designates US 276 from US 19 to Interstate 40 in Haywood County the *Claud Paw Messer Highway*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 5th day of August 2021 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation