

## RESOLUTION FOR AMBASSADOR MATTIE R. SHARPLESS

**WHEREAS**, the Pender County Board of Commissioners requested to honor the efforts of Ambassador Mattie R. Sharpless for her work, spanning more than four decades, in the Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, Ambassador Sharpless had a distinguished career in foreign agricultural trade relations, having served in a variety of positions in Washington, D.C. and abroad, since joining the Foreign Agricultural Service in 1965; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career, Ambassador Sharpless served as the Acting Administrator of the Foreign Agricultural Service as well as the U.S. Ambassador to the Central African Republic, appointed in 2001 by former President George W. Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, during her role as the Ambassador to the Central African Republic, Ambassador Sharpless worked to strengthen the political, economic, diplomatic and cultural relations between the United States and the Central African Republic; and

**WHEREAS**, as a native of Hampstead, North Carolina and the Edgecombe township, Ambassador Sharpless has been an upstanding representative of Pender County; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Pender County Board of Commissioners requested that the North Carolina Department of Transportation consider naming a portion of U.S. Highway 17 through northeastern Pender County as the “Ambassador Mattie R. Sharpless Highway.”

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names a portion of U.S. 17 from Union Bethel Road (S.R. 1562) to the Onslow and Pender County line as the *Ambassador Mattie R. Sharpless Highway*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 1st day of February 2018 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation