

RESOLUTION FOR ANDY GRIFFITH

WHEREAS, Andrew Samuel "Andy" Griffith was born in Mount Airy, North Carolina on June 1, 1926, to Carl and Geneva Griffith; and

WHEREAS, Andy Griffith graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1949 with a Bachelor of Arts in Music; and

WHEREAS, for seven years during college and after graduation, Andy Griffith starred as Sir Walter Raleigh in Paul Greene's acclaimed outdoor drama, *The Lost Colony*; and

WHEREAS, from 1949-1951, Andy Griffith was a teacher at Goldsboro High School and performed variety acts at functions in the area; and

WHEREAS, Andy Griffith began recording humorous monologues based on a "hillbilly" persona including "What It Was Was Football," which he performed on the *The Ed Sullivan Show* in 1954; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, Andy Griffith debuted on Broadway in the play *No Time For Sergeants* and was nominated for a Tony Award for his performance. He reprised his role on television and in the movies in 1958 and also starred in the movies, *A Face in the Crowd* and *Onionhead*; and

WHEREAS, in July 1960, Andy Griffith moved to Hollywood and played Sheriff Andy Taylor in *The Andy Griffith Show*. The show lasted eight seasons and occupied the number one position in the national Nielsen ratings when it left the air in the spring of 1968; and

WHEREAS, Andy Griffith has starred in many made-for-television movies and portrayed attorney Ben Matlock in the television series *Matlock*; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Airy Board of Commissioners and the Surry County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Andy Griffith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the segment of U.S. 52 from Interstate 74 to the Virginia State Line the *Andy Griffith Parkway* in recognition of this unique North Carolina native whose hard work and dedication have earned him the respect of his community, state and nation.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eleventh day of July 2002 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation