

Approval – Resolution for Benny Parsons

Upon a recommendation of the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Lakey and seconded by Board Member Collier to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Benny Parsons was born in the Jobs Cabin community of Wilkes County to Harold B. Parsons and Hazel Parsons on July 12, 1941; and

WHEREAS, Benny Parsons was reared in the Parsonsville community where he attended and graduated from the public schools of Wilkes County; and

WHEREAS, Benny Parsons began his racing career in 1963 and was a successful driver for Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) and NASCAR until his retirement in 1988; and

WHEREAS, Benny Parsons was named ARCA Rookie of the Year in 1965; ARCA Champion in 1968 and 1969; NASCAR's 1973 Winston Cup Champion and NASCAR's 1975 Daytona 500 winner; and

WHEREAS, Benny Parsons is an award winning and respected television and radio commentator who hosts the internationally syndicated show Fast Talk with Benny Parsons/PRN Radio and is currently a color commentator for NASCAR on the NBC and TNT television networks; and

WHEREAS, Benny Parsons will return to Wilkes County in December 2006 to live and become the proprietor of RENDEZVOUS RIDGE – A BENNY PARSONS VINEYARD which will include a museum dedicated to his NASCAR racing and TV career; and

WHEREAS, Benny Parsons is a NASCAR legend and hall of fame member who has exhibited a true love for Wilkes County and its residents by not only contributing to churches, schools, local organizations and many charitable and civic organizations in Wilkes County, but also by giving of his time to the people in order to make Wilkes County a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Benny Parsons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates a section of U.S. 421 from the Maple Springs community to the Wilkes-Watauga County line as the **Benny Parsons Highway** for his contributions to the sport of automobile racing and to his community, state and nation.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the seventh day of September 2006 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

Approval – Resolution for Fred L. Woodard Sr.

Upon a recommendation of the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Burrell and seconded by Board Member Thornburg to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Fred L. Woodard Sr. was born in Jackson County on January 12, 1892 to Isom Davis and Isabel Cope Woodard; and

WHEREAS, Fred L. Woodard Sr. moved to Clay County as a young man and was educated at Hiwassee Academy in nearby Hiwassee, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Fred L. Woodard Sr. and his wife, Cora, had 10 children each of whom became respected citizens of Clay County and other communities to which they located; and

WHEREAS, Fred L. Woodard Sr. ran an old-fashioned country store for many years at the edge of the “high bridge” that crosses Lake Chatuge; and

WHEREAS, Fred L. Woodard Sr. was a civic-minded person being active as a civic and community volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Fred L. Woodard Sr. served on the Clay County Board of Commissioners from 1926-1928; and

WHEREAS, Fred L. Woodard Sr. was a beloved family man, respected businessman and member of the Elf community, an entrepreneur, and an active member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church holding several key positions over the years; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Fred L. Woodard Sr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: