RESOLUTION FOR BILL LEE

WHEREAS, Bill Lee, a Charlotte native, was a civic and community leader; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lee was a civil engineering graduate of Princeton University and was a registered professional engineer in both North Carolina and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lee joined Duke Power Company in 1955 as a junior engineer and rose through the ranks to become chairman and chief executive officer in 1982 - a position he held until his retirement in 1994; and

WHEREAS, under Bill Lee's leadership, Duke Power grew into one of the nation's largest utilities, serving about 1.7 million customers in a 20,000-square-mile service area in central and western North Carolina and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lee was known worldwide for his support of nuclear power safety and helped form several organizations to improve safety at nuclear plants throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, Bill Lee was an untiring supporter of economic development in North Carolina and served as chairman of the state Economic Development Board at the time of his death.

WHEREAS, Governor Jim Hunt requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation to honor Bill Lee for his hard work and dedication which made North Carolina a better place to live.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name Interstate 77 from Woodlawn Road in Charlotte to the Iredell County line the *Bill Lee Highway* for his dedication to his community, state, nation and world.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of September 1996, by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Secretary of Transportation