Approval – Resolution for Congressman Earl Ruth

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Womble, which was seconded by Board Member Tulloss to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Earl Baker Ruth was born in 1916 in Rowan County and lived until 1989; and

WHEREAS, Earl Baker Ruth served as a member of the Salisbury City Council and later as mayor pro tempore; and

WHEREAS, Earl Baker Ruth was a coach, professor, athletic director and Dean of Students at Catawba College; and

WHEREAS, Earl Baker Ruth was elected to Congress in 1968, representing the 8th District, and won re-election twice; and

WHEREAS, Earl Baker Ruth served briefly as Governor of American Samoa from 1975-1976; and

WHEREAS, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor the memory of Earl Baker Ruth for his outstanding career as a congressman, his dedicated service to his country, the State of North Carolina and to the citizens of Rowan County.

Now, Therefore, Be IT Resolved:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the section of U.S. 601 from Jake Alexander Boulevard to the Davie County line in Rowan County, as the **Congressman Earl Ruth Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of October 2011 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.