

# RESOLUTION FOR CONLEY CALL

**WHEREAS**, Conley Call was a native of Wilkes County and lived in North Wilkesboro for 86 years, passing away on December 9, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Conley was married to Jean Lackey for 49 years until her death and they had six children; then married Gracie Call and together they had eight children, twenty grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren ; and

**WHEREAS**, for 53 years Conley was employed at American Drew in North Wilkesboro as senior vice president of Distribution and Purchasing; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1993 Conley was elected mayor of the Town of North Wilkesboro and served two, four-year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, Conley was a retired colonel in the Army Reserve. He became a fireman in 1956 and served in the North Wilkesboro Fire Department as lieutenant, captain, assistant fire chief and then as chief until his retirement in 1993. He was a past commander of the North Wilkesboro Guard and a member of the National Army Reserve Officer's Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Conley served the community as a member of the Urban Renewal Commission and North Wilkesboro Housing Authority, vice-chairman of Wilkes Regional Medical Review Board (trustee); Wilkes County Board of Election, Wilkes Chamber of Commerce, president of Wilkes County United Way, Advisory Board and past chairman of Wilkes Community College and Wilkes Fireman's Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Conley was a 63-year member of the Union Odd Fellow Lodge, past Grand Master in N.C. and past Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows worldwide; past Grand Patriarch of N.C., past Master of North Wilkesboro Masonic Lodge, past member of Yorkrite-Scotchrite-Shrine, North Wilkesboro Lion's Club, Life Member of the N.C. Fire Chief's Association, Life Member of the Wilkes County Firemen's Association, and past member of the Virginia Carolinas Purchasing Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Conley served as a teacher at the John T. Wayland Sunday School Class, Deacon; past president of the Baptist Men's Brotherhood, past director of the Training Union and chairman of Brushy Mountain Baptist Association. He was also a member and served as a trustee for the Flint Hill Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1950, Conley received an award for outstanding soldier of the year in Fort Jackson, S.C. In 1964, he received the Wilkes County Young Man of the Year Award. In 1995, he received the Arthritis Foundation Humanitarian Award; and

**WHEREAS**, the mayor and the board of commissioners of the Town of North Wilkesboro requested to honor and acknowledge Conley Call for his many services to the county, state and country by dedicating a portion of N.C. 268 in North Wilkesboro as the "Conley Call Highway."

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

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names a portion of N.C. 268 beginning at the intersection of N.C. 18 and ending at the North Wilkesboro city limits as the *Conley Call Highway*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 4th day of January 2018 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation