


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

Approval – Resolution for Coretta Scott King

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

WHEREAS, Coretta Scott was born in Heiberger, Alabama and reared on the farm of her parents Bernice McMurry Scott and Obadiah Scott in Perry County, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Coretta Scott graduated in 1945 as valedictorian of her class at Lincoln High School and from Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts in music and education. She earned a scholarship to study concert singing at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, Massachusetts where she met Martin Luther King Jr. They were married on June 18, 1953; and

WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King played a central role behind the scenes in many of her husband's major civil rights campaigns of the 1950's and 1960's; and

WHEREAS, after her husband's assassination on April 4, 1968, Coretta Scott King devoted her life to spreading the philosophy of nonviolence and was instrumental in the building of The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change as a living memorial to her husband's life and dream; and

WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King continued to serve the cause of justice and human rights until her death on January 30, 2006. She traveled on goodwill missions to Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia and remained active in the causes of racial and economic justice, and devoted much of her energy to AIDS education and curbing gun violence. In 1983, she marked the 20th anniversary of the historic March on Washington, by leading a gathering of more than 800 human rights organizations; and

WHEREAS, Coretta Scott King is considered one of the world's most influential African-American leaders. She has received honorary doctorates from over 60 colleges and universities; has authored three books and a nationally syndicated column; and has served on, and helped found, dozens of organizations, including the Black Leadership Forum, the National Black Coalition for Voter Participation and the Black Leadership Roundtable; and

WHEREAS; the Jacksonville City Council and the Onslow County Board of Commissioners asked the North Carolina Department of Transportation to honor Coretta Scott King for her decades of service to the citizens of this state, nation and world. They also requested that her husband's name be included on the sign designating the highway in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation honors Coretta Scott King for her wisdom, compassion and vision that has made this a better nation in which to live and dedicates the U.S. 17 Jacksonville Bypass from N.C. 24 (Lejeune Boulevard) to the intersection of U.S. 17 (Marine Boulevard) in Jacksonville in Onslow as the **Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King Jr. Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fifth day of October 2006 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


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Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman,
North Carolina Board of Transportation

Attest: _____
Secretary to the Board of Transportation

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2006