

Approval - Resolution for Dick Fleming

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

WHEREAS, Dick Fleming was a pioneer for the development of businesses along one of the original interstates in the federal highway system of the United States and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dick Fleming’s vision of outlet retail shopping transformed the Smithfield-Selma stretch of Interstate 95 into a thriving commercial district; and

WHEREAS, Dick Fleming founded the first Carolina Pottery store along Interstate 95 and provided an environment for the creation of other retail operations and led to his founding of the original outlet center commercial development; and

WHEREAS, through Dick Fleming’s generosity, land was donated to the Smithfield-Selma Chamber of Commerce for its facilities and for use as a visitor’s center to promote the immediate area and all of Johnston County; and

WHEREAS, Dick Fleming was instrumental in promoting business growth and use of the highway systems in Johnston County and North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Johnston County would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to Dick Fleming for his pioneering efforts in the business world and for his generosity in the community sector by requesting his contributions be recognized by naming a portion of Interstate 95 in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the section of Interstate 95 from Exit 95 in Smithfield to Exit 97 in Selma as the ***Dick Fleming Freeway***.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the tenth day of January 2013 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation