

RESOLUTION

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

THE DR. CHARLES RICHARD DREW MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Richard Drew pioneered the preservation of blood plasma thus saving thousands of lives in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Richard Drew served as Medical Director of the first American Red Cross blood bank in this country, a program that became the model for blood banks in the American Red Cross blood collection program; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Richard Drew achieved further distinction in the training of qualified black surgeons for the teaching and practice of surgery at a time when there was a severe shortage of black surgeons; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Richard Drew fought against racial injustice; and

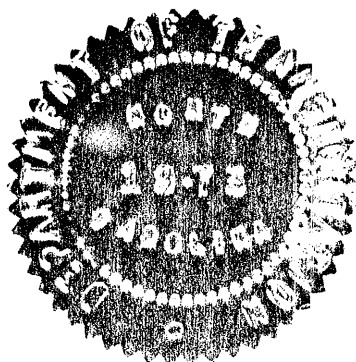
WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Richard Drew lost his life on April 1, 1950 due to an automobile accident on NC-49 in Alamance County at which site a memorial marker has been placed; and

WHEREAS, the County of Alamance has endorsed the nomination and recognition of a portion of NC-49 in Alamance County as the "Dr. Charles Richard Drew Memorial Highway."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the section of NC-49 in the township of Haw River from Bason Road north to the Alamance - Orange county line is hereby designated as the "Dr. Charles Richard Drew Memorial Highway."
2. That the Department of Transportation is ordered to erect appropriate signs at a suitable time.

This the 2nd day of March, 1990.



Thomas M. Helms
Secretary of Transportation