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RESOLUTION FOR DR. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN

WHEREAS, Dr. Charlotte Eugenia Hawkins Brown, a native North Carolinian, came to the eastern Guilford County community of Sedalia as a school teacher at the Bethany Church School in 1901 under the auspices of the American Missionary Association; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown, upon the closing of the Bethany School in 1902 moved to the south side of Highway 70 and founded the Palmer Memorial Institute, a school for black children living in Sedalia and eastern Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, the Palmer Memorial Institute, a high school and junior college of regional and national prominence, became one of the earliest high schools for blacks in North Carolina to be accredited by the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges -- offering quality education and graduating over 2000 students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown served as president of Palmer Memorial Institute for over 50 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown served as president of the North Carolina Teachers Association from 1935-1937, as a founder of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, as a founder of the Industrial Home for Delinquent Girls, as a founder of the Sedalia Home Ownership Association and as a founder of the National Association of Colored Women; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina, Department of Cultural Resources on November 7, 1987, designated the former Palmer Memorial Institute campus as the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial State Historic Site; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brown during her lifetime made significant contributions to the State of North Carolina until her death in 1961:

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Commissioners support efforts to name a section of Highway 70 in Guilford County for Charlotte Hawkins Brown:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: "

1. That the 5.2 mile section of highway from the intersection of Highway 70 and Birch Creek Road extending eastward to the intersection of Highway 70 and State Road 100 is hereby designated as the "Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial Highway."

2. That the Department of Transportation erect appropriate signs for such designation.

This the 12th day of February, 1988.