

RESOLUTION FOR DR. JOY J. JOHNSON

WHEREAS, the late Dr. Joy J. Johnson was born November 2, 1922, in Laurel Hill in Scotland County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joy J. Johnson attended Scotland County public schools and graduated from Laurinburg Institute in Laurinburg in 1941; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joy J. Johnson received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Shaw University in Raleigh in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joy J. Johnson served the people of Fairmont in Robeson County as pastor of the First Baptist Church from 1951 to 1996 and was elected president of the North Carolina General Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joy J. Johnson was Robeson County's first African American legislator elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives in 1971. He was re-elected and served until his appointment to the North Carolina Parole Commission in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joy J. Johnson was elected as the first African American mayor of Fairmont serving from 1989 to 1993; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Joy J. Johnson continued to set an outstanding example for all citizens of Robeson County through his many achievements, awards and activities until his death December 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the Robeson County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation recognize Dr. Joy J. Johnson's contributions by naming a section of N.C. 41 in Robeson County in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names N.C. 41 from U.S. 74 to the northern city limits of Fairmont the *Dr. Joy J. Johnson Memorial Highway* in honor of his dedication and service to the citizens of his community, county and state.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the seventh day of February 2002 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation