

Approval – Resolution for Dr. Leon R. Staton

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee a motion was made by Board Member Burrell, which was seconded by Board Member Overholt to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon R. Staton was born in Henderson County and graduated from Hendersonville High School in 1921 and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1925; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon R. Staton entered the University of Maryland School of Medicine, where he graduated in 1929, and completed his internship at the University of Maryland Medical School and his residency at a Lynchburg, Virginia hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon R. Staton was First Lieutenant in the United States Army Medical Corps for five years; appointed camp doctor with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Harriman, Tennessee from 1936 until 1938; and from 1938 to 1940 practiced medicine in Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon R. Staton moved his family to Hayesville, North Carolina in 1940, where he served as medical advisor to the Clay County local draft board for 20 years receiving no compensation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon R. Staton was recognized by President John F. Kennedy with a certificate for his 20 years of service and also received a lapel pin and certificate from Colonel Thomas H. Upton, the state selective service director from Raleigh; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Leon R. Staton served as medical examiner/coroner, as well as on the Clay County Board of Health; served as team physician for the Hayesville High School football and basketball teams and continued to practice the Hippocratic Oath for 36 years, devoting his services to the citizens of Clay County until his death in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the Clay County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Dr. Leon R. Staton for his selfless service and contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the section of N.C. 69 from Cherry Road (State Road 1118) northward to U.S. 64 in Clay County, as the **Dr. Leon R. Staton Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fourth day of August 2011 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation
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