

## RESOLUTION FOR EDWARD NORRIS TOLSON

**WHEREAS**, Edward Norris Tolson, one of Edgecombe County's own, has distinguished himself and is deserving of honor in his home county; and

**WHEREAS**, Norris Tolson grew up in Edgecombe County where he graduated from South Edgecombe High School and North Carolina State University where he served as Student Body President; and

**WHEREAS**, Norris Tolson served honorably in the U.S. Army Counter Intelligence Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Norris Tolson had a successful career in private industry as an executive with E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, retiring in 1993 and returning to Edgecombe County, determined to be of service to the County and State; and

**WHEREAS**, in his retirement Norris Tolson served first in the North Carolina House of Representatives, later as chair of the North Carolina Hurricane Floyd Relief Fund, and subsequently as the North Carolina Secretary of Commerce, North Carolina Secretary of Transportation, and North Carolina Secretary of Revenue, contributing his administrative skills adeptly and successfully in each position; and

**WHEREAS**, Norris Tolson served as a Director of the North Carolina Biotechnology Center beginning in 1997, and as its President from 2007 until his retirement from that position on June 30, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, Norris Tolson has been inducted into the North Carolina Business Hall of Fame and into the Twin County Hall of Fame; and has served as a Trustee of North Carolina State University and received its Distinguished Alumnus Award and Watauga Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners wishes to express appreciation to Norris Tolson by naming a portion of N.C. 43 in his honor.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names a portion of N.C. 43 from the eastern town limits of Pinetops to Carr Farm Road (SR 1611) in Edgecombe County as the *E. Norris Tolson Highway*.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fourth day of December 2014 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation