

Resolution for

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Frank C. Wilson

WHEREAS, the late Frank C. Wilson was born in Burnsville, North Carolina on October 22, 1932; and

WHEREAS, Frank C. Wilson served four years in the United States Navy after graduating from high school; and

WHEREAS, after his service in the Navy, Frank C. Wilson began a career that led to his ownership of Wilson-Harrington Funeral Home, one of the most successful in Hamlet, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Frank C. Wilson was an avid fan of stock car racing; and

WHEREAS, Frank C. Wilson began working at the North Carolina Motor Speedway near Rockingham in Richmond County, North Carolina when it opened in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Frank C. Wilson was named president and CEO of the speedway in 1990, and spearheaded major improvements, including tower grandstands and corporate suites; and

WHEREAS, Frank C. Wilson helped bring General Motors and AC-Delco to the North Carolina Motor Speedway as race sponsors; and

WHEREAS, Frank C. Wilson operated the North Carolina Motor Speedway under the motto "Fans Always Come First"; and

WHEREAS, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners unanimously requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation to honor Frank C. Wilson for his outstanding contributions to Richmond County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name N.C. 177 between U.S. 74 in Hamlet and U.S. 1 north of Marston in Richmond County the "Frank C. Wilson Highway" for his untiring efforts to promote stock car racing in Richmond County and in the southeast United States.

That the N.C. Department of Transportation erect appropriate signs at a suitable time.

This the third day of February 1994.