

# RESOLUTION

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## RESOLUTION FOR GENERAL HENRY HUGH SHELTON

WHEREAS, Henry Hugh Shelton was born in Tarboro in 1942 and was reared in the Edgecombe County community of Speed; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hugh Shelton graduated from North Edgecombe High School, earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Textile Technology from North Carolina State University and a Master of Science Degree from Auburn University; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hugh Shelton began his military career at North Carolina State University in the United States Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (AROTC) and upon graduation in 1963 was commissioned as Second Lieutenant in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hugh Shelton received an extensive military education including completion of the Air Command and Staff College and the National War College and spent the next 24 years of his military service in a variety of command and staff positions in the continental United States, Hawaii, Vietnam, Saudi Arabia, Haiti and other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hugh Shelton served with distinction as a paratrooper, platoon leader, reconnaissance team leader for Project DELTA and battalion commander for several infantry units, including two tours of duty in the Special Forces (Green Berets) in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Henry Hugh Shelton was promoted to Brigadier General in 1987 and participated in Desert Storm in 1989. Upon his return, General Shelton was promoted to Major General and assumed command of the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, General Henry Hugh Shelton was promoted to Lieutenant General in 1993 and assumed command of the XVIIIth Airborne Corps. In 1994, he commanded the Joint Task Force that conducted Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti. In 1996, Lieutenant General Shelton was promoted to General and named Commander in Chief of the U.S. Special Operations Command; and

WHEREAS, General Henry Hugh Shelton has received numerous awards and decorations including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, General Henry Hugh Shelton received the highest honor and position of greatest responsibility of his career when he was selected by President William Jefferson Clinton on October 1, 1997, as the 14th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff -- a position in which he is the principle military advisor to the President, the Secretary of Defense and the National Security Council; and


WHEREAS, the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor General Shelton.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names N.C. 122 in Edgecombe County from U.S. 258 through the community of Speed to the Edgecombe-Halifax County line in honor of *General Henry Hugh Shelton* for his hard work and dedicated service to his community, state, nation and world.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eighth day of September 2000 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Secretary of Transportation