

## **RESOLUTION FOR RENAMING PORTIONS OF NC HIGHWAY 24 AS THE GOLD STAR HIGHWAY**

**WHEREAS**, The United States began observing Gold Star Mother's Day on the last Sunday of September in 1936 to honor mothers who lost sons or daughters fighting in World War I; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gold Star Wives of America was formed prior to the end of World War II to provide support for the spouses and children of those who lost their lives while serving in the United States Military; and

**WHEREAS**, the Gold Star Lapel Button was established in August of 1947 and given to the next of kin of military members who died while serving in the United States Military; and

**WHEREAS**, the symbol of the Gold Star came from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a banner called a Service Flag in the window of their homes with a gold star to represent those who lost their lives serving their nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina and the nation recognize the sacrifice that Gold Star family members make when a loved one dies in service to the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has thousands of men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, the Harnett, Cumberland, Sampson, Duplin, Onslow and Carteret County Boards of Commissioners request to designate North Carolina Highway 24 through these counties as the Gold Star Highway.


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

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation designates North Carolina Highway 24 through Harnett, Cumberland, Sampson, Duplin, Onslow and Carteret Counties as the *Gold Star Highway*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation