

RESOLUTION FOR GOVERNOR JAMES B. HUNT JR.

WHEREAS, James B. Hunt Jr. was born in Greensboro, North Carolina on May 16, 1937, and was reared on a Wilson County farm, the son of a schoolteacher and a soil conservationist; and

WHEREAS, James B. Hunt Jr. earned a B.S. Degree in agricultural education and a M.S. Degree in agricultural economics from North Carolina State University and a J.D. Degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 1964; and

WHEREAS, James B. Hunt Jr. was elected and served as Lieutenant Governor from 1973 through 1977, where he pushed to make kindergarten available to every North Carolina child; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor James B. Hunt Jr. was elected and served as Governor for two terms from 1977 through 1985, where he led North Carolina's education reform efforts; set up the primary reading program, reduced class size, created dropout prevention programs; and established the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Carolina elected Governor James B. Hunt Jr. to serve two more terms as Governor from 1993 through 2001, where he emphasized education and citizen responsibility by initiating:

- Smart Start to bring child care and health care to thousands of children;
- SOS, to link volunteers with troubled youths;
- Work First, to move families from welfare to work; and
- The Governor's Crackdown for Children to locate deadbeat parents and collect back child support; and

WHEREAS, Governor James B. Hunt Jr. has spent much of his life working to improve education in North Carolina's schools and by volunteering has encouraged many citizens to become involved in education; and

WHEREAS, Governor James B. Hunt Jr. is a nationally recognized leader in education and helped establish and still chairs the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which rewards excellence in teaching; and

WHEREAS, Governor James B. Hunt Jr. has challenged North Carolina to make its public schools First in America by the year 2010 through early childhood development, teacher standards and pay, school safety, student accountability and community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Governor James B. Hunt Jr. has provided unprecedented leadership in the state to protect our air and water and preserve our quality of life for future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names U.S. 264 from U.S. 64 at the Wake County line through Nash and Wilson Counties, including the Wilson bypass to Farmville in Pitt County, the *Governor James B. Hunt Jr. Highway* for providing North Carolina's children an opportunity to succeed and for serving his community, state and nation with honor and distinction as a public servant for more than 20 years.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of December 2000 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation

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NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION