

RESOLUTION

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

RESOLUTION FOR HERMAN H. WEST

WHEREAS, Herman H. West was born in a log cabin on Taylor's Creek near Andrews in Cherokee County, North Carolina on July 30, 1910; and

WHEREAS, Herman H. West was reared on a farm near Marble, North Carolina that was bordered on three sides by the Valley River; and

WHEREAS, Herman H. West began work at 11 years old using a sled and a team of oxen to haul tan bark; and

WHEREAS, Herman H. West founded and was president of Herman H. West and Company, America's oldest and largest family owned land clearing company; and

WHEREAS, the Herman H. West and Company was cited by Federal officials with performing the feat of the decade by clearing the huge Flaming Gorge Reservoir in the states of Wyoming and Utah; and

WHEREAS, Herman H. West served in the North Carolina House of Representatives and the North Carolina State Senate where he introduced and successfully guided legislation permitting the citizens of Cherokee County to elect their school board members on a non-partisan basis; and

WHEREAS, Herman H. West, while serving as state senator, obtained the first funds appropriated for capital improvements at Tri-County Community College; and

WHEREAS, Herman H. West helped establish and support the Cherokee County Historical Museum by loaning his private artifacts for display at the museum; and

WHEREAS, Herman H. West has had a long and distinguished career in business, political and civic affairs and worked tirelessly to benefit the citizens of Cherokee County and Western North Carolina; and

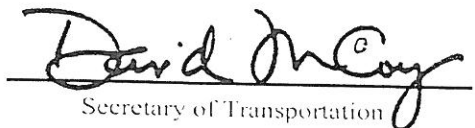
WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Herman H. West.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge over the Valley River on U.S. 19/74/129 immediately west of the intersection of U.S. 19/74/129 and N.C. 141 in Cherokee County in honor of former North Carolina state Senator and Representative *Herman H. West* for his hard work and dedication that benefits the citizens of his community, county and state.

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