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RESOLUTION

MAJOR PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS, INCLUDING HIGHWAY FACILITIES, TAKE YEARS TO IMPLEMENT AND INVOLVE MANY PEOPLE. HOWEVER, DURING THE PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A MAJOR PROJECT, THERE IS ALWAYS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO PROVIDES CONTINUITY, COMPASSION, AND THE DETERMINATION TO ASSURE THE FULFILLMENT OF SERVICE AS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED.

THESE QUALITIES PLUS OTHERS BELONG TO NONE OTHER THAN OUR BUCK DEAN. BUCK IS A PAST DIRECTOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE DURHAM MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION AND WAS PRESIDENT OF TEXTILE REMNANTS FROM 1952-1976. HE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE OCCONECHEE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. IN HIS YOUTH HE WAS GIVEN THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP HONOR IN SCOUTING, THE SILVER BEAVER AWARD. AS A DURHAM CITY COUNCILMAN FROM 1961 THROUGH 1977, A MAJOR LOCAL BOND ISSUE WAS PROPOSED BY THE DURHAM CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE CITIZENS OF DURHAM TO FUND THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE COST OF THE EAST-WEST FREEWAY. THESE WERE THE FORMATIVE YEARS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EAST-WEST FREEWAY AND THE INITIAL CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST-WEST FREEWAY FROM CHAPEL HILL STREET AND ALSTON AVENUE WAS LET TO CONTRACT IN MARCH 1967.

AS A MEMBER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION FROM 1977 TO THE PRESENT, I. L. "BUCK" DEAN HAS WORKED WITH PERSEVERANCE, DEDICATION AND COMPASSION TO ASSURE THE COMPLETION OF THE EAST-WEST FREEWAY IN DURHAM. HIS MANY YEARS OF UNSELFISH AND COMMITTED SERVICE AS A CITIZEN, DURHAM CITY COUNCILMAN AND AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION HAVE PRODUCED BENEFITS TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DURHAM, DURHAM COUNTY AND THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

IT IS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR US AS THE STATE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION TO RECOGNIZE THIS EXCEPTIONAL PERSON, MR. I. L. "BUCK" DEAN, FOR HIS DEDICATION AND CREATIVE ABILITY TO PURSUE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EAST-WEST FREEWAY.

THEREFORE, I PROPOSE THE NAMING OF THE EAST-WEST FREEWAY THOROUGHFARE WITHIN THE DURHAM CORPORATE LIMITS AS THE I. L. "BUCK" DEAN FREEWAY, AND AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS.