RESOLUTION FOR CONGRESSMAN J. HOWARD COBLE

WHEREAS, the Honorable John Howard Coble, a lifelong resident of Guilford County, was raised by his father, Joseph Howard Coble, who started his career as a janitor and rose to become manager of a local department store, and his mother, Johnnie E. (Holt) Coble, who worked in a textile factory; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coble attended Appalachian State University, Guilford College and the UNC Chapel Hill School of Law, served in the U.S. Coast Guard for five years and remained as a reserve officer for an additional twenty-two years, where he achieved the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Coble was an assistant federal prosecutor, state revenue secretary and state legislator before his initial 1984 congressional victory, where he went on to proudly serve for thirty years representing the Sixth Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Coble became one of the most well-known and beloved representatives of the citizens of North Carolina; often seen wearing a fedora and a madras-patched sports jacket, he was proud of his accessibility to voters; and

WHEREAS, the childhood home of Congressman Coble, located off of Alamance Church Road, was intersected by Interstate 85 in the spirit of progress and improvement of local infrastructure for Guilford County citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners requests to name a portion of Interstate 85 in Guilford County in memory of Congressman J. Howard Coble for his lifelong commitment to public service and his innumerable personal sacrifices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names a portion of Interstate 85, from Interstate 40 to Alamance Church Road in Guilford County as the Congressman J. Howard Coble Highway

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of December 2016 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

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Secretary of Transportation