

RESOLUTION FOR
"JAMES E. HOLSHOUSER, JR. HIGHWAY"

WHEREAS, James E. Holshouser, Jr., served as Governor of the Great State of North Carolina from 1973 to 1977; and

WHEREAS, James E. Holshouser, Jr., was the first Republican elected to the office of Governor in this century; and

WHEREAS, James E. Holshouser, Jr., during his term as Governor, contributed greatly to the betterment of the citizens of our State; and

WHEREAS, James E. Holshouser, Jr., has been retired from the office of Governor for a period of over eight (8) years; and

WHEREAS, during the administration of James E. Holshouser, Jr., significant accomplishments in our transportation system were made, including the following:

- a. The Highway Improvement Program was implemented to provide for a seven (7) year highway construction plan;
- b. Laws were passed providing a guaranteed amount of funds for paving secondary roads in each county based on the percentage of unpaid miles in each county;
- c. In 1976, the four (4) lane US 70 across North Carolina was opened from Morehead City to Tennessee, except for the Smithfield Bypass;
- d. Interstate 77 was opened, except for a small portion North of Elkin;
- e. Interstate 95 was open or under construction, except for the Fayetteville Bypass;
- f. Interstate 26 was completed;
- g. The Interstate 40 gap around Hickory was completed and the Interstate 40 Bypass around Black Mountain was under construction;
- h. The Interstate 85 gap through Davidson County was under construction; and
- i. Work began on new four (4) lane corridors in Eastern North Carolina for Interstate 40, US 64 and US 264;

and

WHEREAS, a sufficient period of time has passed for properly evaluating the contributions of James E. Holshouser, Jr., to the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, James E. Holshouser, Jr., is now retired from government service and has not heretofore been so honored; and

WHEREAS, James E. Holshouser, Jr., because of the significant contributions he has made to the State of North Carolina, is deserving of honor and recognition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That US 321 from US 321 Business-Bypass in Blowing Rock to NC 105 in Boone be designated the "James E. Holshouser, Jr. Highway".

2. That the Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to erect appropriate signs for this designation.

This the _____ day of November, 1985.

JAMES E. HARRINGTON, Chairman
North Carolina Board of
Transportation