

RESOLUTION FOR JAMES TAYLOR

WHEREAS, James Taylor was born in Boston, Massachusetts on March 12, 1948; and

WHEREAS, James Taylor was reared in Chapel Hill, North Carolina having moved to the area when he was three-years old; and

WHEREAS, James Taylor began his musical roots in Chapel Hill and gained influence from the days spent "half a mile down Morgan Creek" as described in his song *Copperline* from his New Moon Shine album; and

WHEREAS, James Taylor has gained worldwide recognition and fame as one of the most gifted musicians of his time; and

WHEREAS, James Taylor's song *Carolina in My Mind* has become the unofficial anthem of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, James Taylor's former home, built by the Taylor family on Morgan Creek Road, is located on the slopes overlooking Morgan Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Orange County Board of Commissioners and the Board of Directors of the Chapel Hill Museum have requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation name the bridge over Morgan Creek after James Taylor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge on U.S. 15/501 over Morgan Creek in Chapel Hill the *James Taylor Bridge* to honor his contributions to the music industry and for using his words and music to promote his home state of North Carolina.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eleventh day of July 2002 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation