

Approval - Resolution for Jeff Gordon

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Collett, which was seconded by Board Member Overholt to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jeff Gordon began his career in North Carolina in 1992 and currently resides in Mecklenburg County with his wife Ingrid and two children Ella and Leo; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Gordon has won his 85th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series race, placing him third overall for career wins in NASCAR; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina leads all states for most victories in Jeff Gordon's career with 10 total victories, including his first pole in 1993 and first NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory in 1994 at Charlotte Motor Speedway; and

WHEREAS, Jeff Gordon has distinguished himself off the track as a true humanitarian through the work of his charitable organization, the Jeff Gordon Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the Jeff Gordon Foundation raised more than \$7 million for children's charities and continues to work to improve the lives of children in the region who face critical illnesses especially those with pediatric cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital at Carolinas Medical Center-Northeast opened in Concord, North Carolina in December 2006, providing a warm, caring atmosphere where the nurses, physicians and support staff are specially trained to care for pediatric patients; and

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Jeff Gordon to commemorate his 85th NASCAR Sprint Cup Series victory and outstanding commitment to public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the portion of Interstate 85 from the City of Charlotte corporate limits to the Mecklenburg/Cabarrus County line (1.6 miles) in Mecklenburg County, as the **Jeff Gordon Expressway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of December 2011 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation