

RESOLUTION FOR JOHN JAY BURNEY JR. HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. was born and raised in Wilmington in New Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. graduated from New Hanover High School in 1943; and

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. served as a Staff Sergeant in the 254th Infantry, Company A, 63rd Division of the U.S. Army from June 1943 to September 1945 and received the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Medaille de Services Vointaires - dan la France Libre, Medaille de la France Libre, Arms of the City of Colmar and Battle de Jepsheim; and

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Wake Forest College in 1950 and from Wake Forest College Law School in 1951; and

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. received his license to practice law in North Carolina in 1951 and is a charter member of the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers; and

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. served as a state senator in the N.C. General Assembly from 1967 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. served as a trustee of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington from 1981 to 1989, and was the chairman of the board from 1982 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. served as Solicitor for the Eighth Solicitorial District of North Carolina from 1954 to 1963; and

WHEREAS, John Jay Burney Jr. is and has been involved in numerous civic and social organizations involved with the enrichment and enhancement of New Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation honor of John Jay Burney Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the U.S. 17 Bypass from the Interstate 40 interchange in New Hanover County to the Pender County line the *John Jay Burney Jr. Highway* for his outstanding service to the United States of America, the State of North Carolina and New Hanover County.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eighth day of August 2002 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation