

Approval – Resolution For Judge Sam J. Ervin III

Upon the recommendation of the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Thornburg and seconded by Board Members Burrell and Collier to approve the following resolution. The Board also approved to waive the 30-day waiting period for this resolution.

WHEREAS, Sam J. Ervin III was born March 2, 1926, in Morganton, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Sam J. Ervin III served in the United States Army for 1944 through 1946 and from 1951 through 1952; and

WHEREAS, Sam J. Ervin III graduated from Davidson College with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1948 and received his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1951; and

WHEREAS, Sam J. Ervin III Solicitor for the Burke County Board of Commissioners from 1954 through 1956; and

WHEREAS, Sam J. Ervin III was a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1965 through 1967 and a North Carolina Superior Court Judge from 1967 through 1980; and

WHEREAS, in 1980 Sam J. Ervin III was nominated by President Jimmy Carter and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Sam J. Ervin III served on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for 19 years, including seven years as chief judge (1989 - 1996), until his death on September 18, 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Burke County Board of Commissioners and the Morganton City Council requested that the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Judge Ervin.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates Interstate 40 from Exit 103 to Exit 105 south of Morganton in Burke County as the **Judge Sam J. Ervin III Freeway** for his outstanding service to the citizens of his community, state and nation.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of April 2006 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.