

RESOLUTION FOR CONGRESSMAN L.H. FOUNTAIN

WHEREAS, Congressman L.H. Fountain is a native of Leggett in Edgecombe County, North Carolina and was educated in the Edgecombe County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Congressman L.H. Fountain graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1934 and a Law Degree in 1936 and shortly thereafter began practicing law in Tarboro; and

WHEREAS, in March 1942, Congressman L.H. Fountain entered the United States Army as a Private in the Infantry and was honorably discharged as a Major in 1946, but remained active in the Army Reserve and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, after his discharge from the United States Army, Congressman L.H. Fountain returned to his law practice in Tarboro. In 1947, he was elected to the North Carolina State Senate where he served until he was elected in 1952 to the United States House of Representatives for the Second Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Fountain served 15 consecutive terms in Congress extending over a period of 30 years. He served on numerous committees including the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and was chairman for many years of the Intergovernmental Relations and Human Resources Subcommittee of the House Committee on Government Operations; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Fountain has received many distinguished service awards including an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Fountain was a Presbyterian Elder who served as a Trustee of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. from 1961 to 1964 and from 1977 to 1980. He was a member of the Executive Committee of the East Carolina Council of the Boy Scouts of America and a member of numerous bar associations, the Elks and Kiwanis Clubs. In 1948, Congressman Fountain received the Distinguished Service Award (Man of the Year) from the Tarboro Jaycees; and

WHEREAS, the Tarboro Town Council and the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners have passed resolutions requesting the North Carolina Board of Transportation to honor Congressman Fountain.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the section of U.S. 64 in Edgecombe County from N.C. 43 east of Rocky Mount to McNair Road (S.R. 1207) in honor of Congressman L.H. Fountain for his many years of dedicated service to his community, state and nation.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the second day of June 2000, by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation