

**Approval – Resolution for M. Durwood Stephenson**

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

**WHEREAS**, M. Durwood Stephenson has served his community and state for many years in various capacities; and

**WHEREAS**, M. Durwood Stephenson founded M. Durwood Stephenson and Associates, Incorporated 38 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, M. Durwood Stephenson served on numerous state boards including the North Carolina Rural Prosperity Task Force, Global Transpark and State Banking Commission, as well as a four-year term as member of the N.C. Board of Transportation from 1997 to 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, M. Durwood Stephenson was involved in many civic and community activities such as the Southern Baptist Convention, Baptist Retirement Homes and Johnston County SPCA, served as regional liaison for Special Olympics World Games and created the M. Durwood Stephenson Foundation to assist at-risk children and the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, M. Durwood Stephenson has received numerous awards including the Lieutenant Governor’s Citizen Award in 1982; Governor’s Volunteer Award in 1986; Smithfield Jaycees Distinguished Service Award in 1998; Greater Smithfield-Selma Area Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 2000; Governor’s Award; Order of the Long Leaf Pine in 2001; and Neusiok District, Boy Scouts of America Distinguished Citizen Award in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, M. Durwood Stephenson is very active in his church and also chaired the successful capital campaign of the Johnston Health Foundation that raised more than \$4.8 million for the SECU Hospice House of Johnston Health, the first and only inpatient Hospice facility in Johnston County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council of Smithfield requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor M. Durwood Stephenson for his faithful service and contributions to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the section of Booker Dairy Road Extension from U.S. 70 Business to Buffalo Road (State Road 1003) in Johnston County, as the **M. Durwood Stephenson Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fourth day of August 2011 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation