RESOLUTION FOR MORRIS L. McGough

WHEREAS, Morris L. McGough is a resident of Buncombe County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Morris L. McGough is the founding director and long-time Co-Chairman of the Western North Carolina Highway Corridor's Association (formerly the Interstate 26 Corridor Association); and

WHEREAS, Morris L. McGough spent many hours advocating the construction of Interstate 26 in Madison and Buncombe counties; and

WHEREAS, Morris L. McGough is known as the "Father of Community Development" for his more than 50 years of leadership in developing Western North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Morris L. McGough founded the Western North Carolina Community Development Association in 1949 and played a key role in developing regional facilities that benefited residents of rural and urban areas including the Western North Carolina Farmer's Market, the North Carolina Arboretum, the Western North Carolina Agricultural Center and the Mountain Horticultural Corps Research and Extension Center.

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners, the Asheville City Council, the Asheville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Woodfin Town Board of Commissioners, the Weaverville Town Council and the Land-of-Sky Regional Council requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Morris L. McGough.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the section of U.S. 19/23 (future Interstate 26) from the Madison-Buncombe County line to Interstate 240 in Buncombe County as the *Morris L. McGough Freeway* for his outstanding leadership in developing Western North Carolina.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fourth day of April 2002 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Secretary of Transportation