

## RESOLUTION FOR REVEREND GEORGE KLOSTER

Upon the recommendation of the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Kernea, seconded by Board Member Palermo, to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, Rev. George M. Kloster was born in New York in 1943, then moved to Clayton with his family in the early 1950s; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Kloster was ordained a priest to serve in the Diocese of Raleigh, which at the time covered the entire state; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Kloster spent the next 45 years in North Carolina serving pastoral appointments in Ahoskie, Greensboro, Jefferson, Gastonia, Boone, Brevard, Murphy and Hayesville; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Kloster served the North Carolina Council of Churches (NCCC) in many areas including serving as a member of the House of Delegates, Executive Board and as its President from 1986 to 1988. He was also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in 1991; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Kloster led a group in Greensboro to study the shortage of affordable housing in the area that resulted in an award by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of funds to build a residence for senior and non-ambulatory persons. He later built a second housing unit which is part of Dolan Manor; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Kloster was instrumental with the Departments of Social Services in Clay and Cherokee counties in starting the Far West Families First program; and

**WHEREAS**, Rev. Kloster has been a leading advocate for ecumenism, social action and justice over the years in the North Carolina communities he has served as pastor; and

**WHEREAS**, the commitment of Rev. Kloster in church, civic and community affairs has brought honor and pride to the citizens of Clay and Cherokee Counties, it is altogether fitting and proper that a portion of highway U.S. 64 near the Clay/Cherokee County Line be named in honor of Rev. George M. Kloster.

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

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the portion of U.S. 64 from SR 1130, Stewart Cove Road, to the William Wells bridge as the Rev. George Kloster Highway.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of June 2013 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation