

REQUEST FOR NAMING OF NEW PORTION OF US 221 IN ASHE COUNTY

Our Department of Transportation has under construction a 7.4 mile relocation of US 221 from Baldwin to Jefferson in Ashe County. The new road is nearing completion and requests have been received to name it the "Robert G. Barr Expressway".

General Statute 136-18(8) places with our Department of Transportation the power "To give suitable names to State highways and change the names as determined by the Board of Transportation of any highways that shall become a part of the State System of highways".

It has been the policy of our Board of Transportation to give consideration of names for highway facilities where such requests are officially endorsed by the respective local governing bodies.

The Ashe County Board of Commissioners and the Town of West Jefferson have adopted similar resolutions requesting this new portion of US 221 be named the "Robert G. Barr Expressway". The Ashe County Chamber of Commerce has also adopted a similar resolution. A copy of each resolution is attached.

It is recommended the Board of Transportation approve the name "Robert G. Barr Expressway" for this section of US 221 and authorize the Department to erect appropriate signs.

Attachments (3)

APPROVED BY BOARD
August 14, 1981

ATTACHMENT #7, Cont'd.

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT
COUNTY SEAL

RESOLUTION

OF

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, Robert G. Barr, a distinguished descendant of a pioneer Ashe County, North Carolina, family, served ably and well as a member of the North Carolina State Highway Commission during the years 1968 to 1972 and was the only citizen of Ashe County to ever be honored by serving on said Highway Commission; and

WHEREAS, it was during the period of Mr. Barr's service on said Highway Commission that the plans were made and formulated to relocate and rebuild a goodly portion of U. S. Highway #221 through Ashe County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the improvement project of U. S. Highway #221 is now, after some considerable and unavoidable delay rapidly approaching completion; and

WHEREAS, the said Robert G. Barr has long rendered untiring and invaluable services to the citizens of Ashe County and the State of North Carolina in numberless ways, including the providing of leadership in the civic, church and business life of our county and area over the years; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the improvement to U. S. Highway #221 in Ashe County be dedicated to the selfless and tireless efforts of Robert G. Barr, without whose leadership and labors the improvement might never have been accomplished:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashe County, North Carolina, that the new portion of U. S. Highway #221 in Ashe County now nearing completion be designated as the "Robert G. Barr Expressway" to honor the said Robert G. Barr and in appreciation for his dedication and perseverance in the cause of good roads for Ashe County and its adjoining North Carolina Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution, which was unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashe County, North Carolina, at its regular meeting on August 3, 1981, be inscribed in the permanent


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records of said Board; and that copies of the same be forwarded to the North Carolina Department of Transportation and to the Governor of the State of North Carolina.



Chairman, Ashe County Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



Secretary

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ATTACHMENT #7, cont'd.

NORTH CAROLINA
ASHE COUNTY

TOWN OF WEST JEFFERSON

R E S O L U T I O N

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of West Jefferson, held at the Town Hall, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on 6 August 1981, the following Resolution was offered, seconded, and unanimously adopted:

That Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is nearing completion of the relocation of United States Highway 221 in Ashe County including a new four-lane access into the Town of West Jefferson from its Southern municipal limits;

And Whereas, said project is of tremendous importance to the future growth and development of the Town of West Jefferson;

And Whereas, the monies for said project were allocated and the project was approved during the administration of Governor Robert W. Scott during which time Robert G. Barr, a leading citizen of the Town of West Jefferson, served as a member of the North Carolina Highway Commission;

And Whereas, the said Robert G. Barr has unselfishly given of his time, energy, and resources in order to allow the proposed project to become a reality;

And Whereas, the said Robert G. Barr has, throughout his life, exemplified the highest qualities in working for the orderly and progressive development of the Town of West Jefferson and the County of Ashe;

And Whereas, the Board of Aldermen of the Town of West Jefferson feel that it would be appropriate and befitting for the aforesaid highway project to be named the "Robert G. Barr Expressway" in recognition of his dedication to his Town and County;

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of West Jefferson go on record as being in favor of the naming of the relocation project of United States Highway 221 within Ashe County the "Robert G. Barr Expressway" and that this Resolution be made a part of the permanent records and minutes of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of West Jefferson.

A RESOLUTION: NAMING HIGHWAY 221 IN ASHE COUNTY THE ROBERT G. BARR EXPRESSWAY

WHEREAS Robert Gambill Barr is a proud and contributing son of an outstanding Ashe County and North Carolina pioneer family;

WHEREAS Robert G. Barr has been of invaluable service to his town, county, state, and nation;

WHEREAS Robert G. Barr continues to personify the best in philanthropic, social, church, civic, political and commercial causes in his beloved Ashe County and North Carolina;

WHEREAS his noble wife, Charity Vannoy Barr, has through the years assisted and shared in his dedication to all good and true causes;

WHEREAS Robert G. Barr ably served as a member of the North Carolina Highway Commission during the years 1968-1972 and valiantly attempted to work for his state, as well as his dear Ashe County;

WHEREAS during this period plans were made with his aggressive leadership for the rebuilding of Highway 221 in Ashe County;

WHEREAS since that time there have been almost insurmountable delays in the completion of the project, but his enthusiasm for and dedication to the rebuilding have been unflinching;

WHEREAS the project is nearing completion, after tireless hours Mr. Barr has generously given to the Department of Transportation and the citizenry of Ashe County toward an amiable, but satisfactory highway;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that Highway 221 almost completed through Ashe County be named the ROBERT G. BARR EXPRESSWAY in appreciation for his example of dedication and toil;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his example shall always serve as an inspiration to all who seek the ultimate for adversaries, as well as friends and neighbors, in the true North Carolinian tradition.

THIS RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce in its regular meeting, July 28, 1981. This resolution is to be included in the Chamber's permanent minutes, and it is also to be presented to the Ashe County Board of Commissioners and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, as well as the Governor of North Carolina, for hopefully similar action.

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