

WHEREAS, this bill supports the program by providing a solid framework for disadvantaged minority-owned and women-owned businesses which ensures nondiscrimination in the award and administration of contracts; and

WHEREAS, this bill supports recommendations of the earlier disparity study by ensuring that the department's program is narrowly tailored in accordance with federal-program guidelines and ensures that only ready, willing and able firms that fully meet eligibility standards are permitted to participate; and

WHEREAS, the department has pledged to measure the utilization of disadvantaged minority-owned and women-owned businesses participating in all state and federally-assisted NCDOT projects and provide quarterly reports to the Audit and Contract Review Committee in accordance with annual aspirational participation goals and project and/or contract-specific goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation supports the N.C. Department of Transportation's continuing efforts and having a program in place to address underutilization and to expand participation for all disadvantaged, minority-owned and women-owned businesses in state and federally-assisted contracts let by the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Adopted, this the seventh day of July 2005 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

Approval – Resolution for Ronald Reagan

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Sewell and seconded by Board Member Wilson to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born on February 6, 1911 in Tampico, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan was the fortieth President of the United States of America from 1981 - 1989; and

WHEREAS, during President Reagan's terms in office, he obtained legislation to stimulate economic growth, curb inflation, increase employment and strengthen national defense. He embarked upon a course of cutting taxes and government spending, refusing to deviate from that course when the strengthening of defense forces led to a large deficit; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's determination and spirit of belief in the victory of freedom over oppression resulted in the collapse of the Soviet Union and the liberation of more than 158 million individuals in the captive nations of Eastern Europe; and

WHEREAS, after his two terms as President, Ronald Reagan felt he had fulfilled his campaign pledge of 1980 to restore “the great, confident roar of American progress and growth and optimism”; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2004, former President Ronald Reagan died at the age of 93 after a long battle with Alzheimer’s Disease; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jacksonville is the proud home of Camp Lejeune, Camp Geiger and the New River Air Station; and

WHEREAS, the soon to be complete U.S. 17 Jacksonville Bypass is located close to these facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Jacksonville City Council requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation to honor Ronald Reagan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the U.S. 17 Jacksonville Bypass from the Louis Sewell Bridge to N.C. 24 East as the **Ronald Reagan Highway** for his dedication and inspiration to the citizens of North Carolina, the United States of America and the free world.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the seventh day of July by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation