


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

RESOLUTION FOR SENATOR DEBBIE CLARY

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

WHEREAS, Debbie Ann Clary, a native of Cleveland County, residing in Cherryville, ran for office in 1994, was elected and served seven terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives and two terms in the North Carolina Senate; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Clary's interest in government service began with private business where she was the owner of a radio station, working mornings doing news and a local talk show; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Clary, being a champion for people on limited incomes, easily disenfranchised and with little control of their own destiny, was well known and received awards for her work regarding the expansion of Home Care Services, Adult Day Care Serviced and protecting the Mental Health Community Services, including Clubhouses; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Clary's concern for youth safety led to her passing legislation for the Graduated Driver's License which allows novice drivers to be slowly introduced to driving by first allowing them to drive under the safest conditions with supervision where they prove themselves to be safe drivers before moving on to an unrestricted license; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Clary has been recognized in several national publications, including The New York Times, Washington Post, Time, and Parents Magazines for her leadership with highway safety legislation; and

WHEREAS, for two consecutive years Debbie Clary was recognized as "Region C-Law Enforcement Legislator of the Year" after passage of her legislation which increased the penalty for assault on a law enforcement officer with a deadly weapon; and

WHEREAS, Debbie Clary took a personal interest in her constituents and the betterment of the people of Cleveland and Rutherford counties, offering immediate assistance to people in need, many times provided from her own pocket; and

WHEREAS, the Rutherford and Cleveland County Commissioners wish to express their appreciation for the public service given and contributions made by Debbie Clary by naming a portion of US Highway 74 in her honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name US Highway 74 from 0.10 miles east of SR 1168 (Lattimore Road) in Cleveland County to the NC Highway 210 interchange (Exit 189) in Rutherford County the **Senator Debbie Clary Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.