

RESOLUTION FOR SENATOR JOHN SNOW JR. AND DR. WILLIAM GOSSETT

WHEREAS, John Joyner Snow Jr. was born in 1945 to Dorothy Nix Snow and John Joyner Snow Sr. in Asheville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, John Joyner Snow Jr. graduated from Cherokee County Public Schools, entered Wake Forest College where he played football and obtained his Bachelor's Degree in 1967, and received a Juris Doctor Degree in 1970 from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, John Joyner Snow Jr. entered the United States Army in 1970 as an ROTC-Commissioned First Lieutenant and served his country with honor; and

WHEREAS, John Joyner Snow Jr. married Shelia Gossett in 1970 and they had four children together; and

WHEREAS, John Joyner Snow Jr. served the 30th Judicial District of the State of North Carolina as an Assistant District Attorney, District Court Judge and Chief District Court Judge for more than 29 years; and

WHEREAS, John Joyner Snow Jr. served three terms as senator for the 50th District in the North Carolina General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, William Radford Gossett was born in 1923 to Margaret Day Gossett and Jesse Dewey Gossett in Greenville, South Carolina and moved to Etowah, North Carolina in 1924; and

WHEREAS, William Radford Gossett faithfully served his country in the United States Navy during World War II;

WHEREAS, William Radford Gossett married Maxine Orr in 1946 and they had two children together; and

WHEREAS, William Radford Gossett received a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Illinois College of Optometry in 1950 and moved his family to Murphy where he founded the William R. Gossett Optometry practice; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Gossett faithfully served the Town of Murphy from 1958 to 1962 as an elected town council member and from 1966 to 1969 as an appointed official on the Murphy City Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Gossett unselfishly provided high-quality medical services to his patients regardless of their financial ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, Dr. William Gossett also contributed to his community through selfless service in many community organizations such as his work on the Cherokee County Development Corporation; the Western North Carolina Shrine Club; Cherokee County Masonic Lodge #146 where he achieved the organization's most honored rank 33rd Degree, and as a Charter Member of the Murphy Civitan Club; and

WHEREAS, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners and the Town of Murphy requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Senator John Snow Jr. and the late Dr. William Gossett for their many achievements and service they rendered to the community, state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the bridge on U.S. 64 East near the intersection of U.S. 64/74/19 in the vicinity of the Town of Murphy in Cherokee County, as the **Senator John Snow Jr. and Dr. William Gossett Bridge**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fifth day of May 2011 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation