

RESOLUTION FOR SENATOR R.L. "BOB MARTIN

WHEREAS, Senator R.L. "Bob" Martin was born November 8, 1912, in Bethel in Pitt County to John Wesley and Lena Sessums Martin; and

WHEREAS, Senator R.L. "Bob" Martin attended Oxford Orphanage High School and the School of Electricity at Oxford Orphanage; and

WHEREAS, Senator R.L. "Bob" Martin is a retired farmer and railroad official and served as President of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association; and

WHEREAS, Senator R.L. "Bob" Martin served on the Bethel Town Board of Commissioners in 1949, as Mayor of Bethel from 1951 through 1956 and on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners from 1956 through 1984; and

WHEREAS, Senator R.L. "Bob" Martin was elected to the North Carolina Senate in 1985 and has served honorably and with distinction for nine terms; and

WHEREAS, Senator R.L. "Bob" Martin served as Chairman of Senate Appropriations Committee on Natural and Economic Resources, Vice Chairman of the Local Government and Regional Affairs Committee and the Pensions and Retirement/Insurance/State Personnel Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Bethel Town Board of Commissioners and the Pitt County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation honor their "favorite son" and longtime resident.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the N.C. 11/12 Bethel Bypass the **Senator R.L.** "Bob" Martin Highway for his 54 years of public service to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of his community and state.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the seventh day of November 2002 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Secretary of Transportation