

**Resolution for Thomas A. Betts Parkway**

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Tulloss, which was seconded by Board Member Wall to approve the following:

**WHEREAS**, Thomas A. Betts Jr. was born in Rockingham County; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas A. Betts Jr. graduated from Rocky Mount Senior High School and received a bachelor of science in business administration from East Carolina University in 1967; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas A. Betts Jr. was the senior development officer for RBC Centura and has more than 40 years of experience in the property and liability insurance field; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas A. Betts Jr. has served his community in many ways including chairman of the North Carolina Wesleyan College Board of Trustees; treasurer of the Gateway Technology Center Board where the building is dedicated in his name in honor of his leadership and vision; treasurer and chairman of the Carolina Gateway Partnership Board of Directors; chairman of the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce; member of Nash Community College Board of Trustees; member of the Nash Health Care Systems Board of Trustees; member of the Boards 3108 of Directors of the Planters Corporation and Centura Banks, Incorporated and member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation from 2003-2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas A. Betts Jr. has held leadership roles in many other local and statewide business and civic endeavors and received the “Tar Heel of the Week” award from the Raleigh News and Observer in October 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas A. Betts Jr. is a member of Church of the Good Shepherd, former member of Vestry and former chairman of Every Member Response; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rocky Mount City Council requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Thomas A. Betts Jr. for his selfless service and contributions to the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the Northern Connector from the intersection of Hunterhill Road, Winstead Avenue and Woodruff Road to the intersection of U.S. 301 and Fenner Road in Rocky Mount in Nash County, as the **Thomas A. Betts Parkway**. That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the seventh day of July 2011 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation