

Attachment #9

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION FOR W. RALPH WINKLER

WHEREAS, W. Ralph Winkler was born in Watauga County on September 17, 1902 and was reared on a farm two miles from Boone; and

WHEREAS, W. Ralph Winkler began working in a garage at age 16 and two years later purchased his own auto repair shop; and

WHEREAS, W. Ralph Winkler bought his first automobile dealership by the age of 30 and remained in the automobile business for 58 years in Boone; and

WHEREAS, W. Ralph Winkler served on many boards and commissions, including the Blue Ridge Parkway Commission, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Committee, the Appalachian State Teachers College and Appalachian State University Board of Trustees, and the State Highway and Public Works Commission (now the N.C. Board of Transportation); and

WHEREAS, W. Ralph Winkler, while serving as a highway commissioner, was responsible for improvements to major highways in Northwestern North Carolina that changed Boone from a small community to a thriving and energetic town; and

WHEREAS, W. Ralph Winkler was an active community leader for many years and members of that community wish to honor him for his service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the portion of N.C. 105 from Boone to the Avery County line the *W. Ralph Winkler Highway* for his many contributions that lead to the betterment of his community and state.

That the North Carolina Department of Transportation erect appropriate signs at a suitable time.

This, the second day of June 1995.

Secretary of Transportation