

Approval – Resolution for William T. Groves

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

WHEREAS, William T. “Jack” Groves graduated from Hayesville High School as valedictorian in 1939, and attended Berry College; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, William T. “Jack” Groves graduated from Emory University while participating in a Marine Corps officer candidate program going on to attend the U.S. Marine Corps officer basic school at Quantico, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Upon graduation from the Marine Basic School in 1943, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and reported to Camp Pendleton. He was later deployed as a First Lieutenant to the Pacific Theater with the 2nd Marine Amphibious Corps; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, William T. “Jack” Groves ended his career with the Marines in World War II on Guam, and returned home to Clay County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, over the next fifty years, he built a very successful farming operation and was a disciplined steward of our natural resources, winning numerous awards; and

WHEREAS, William T. “Jack” Groves was a charter member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Allison-Bristol Post 6812 in Hayesville, North Carolina, and served as its first Post Commander. He also served three terms as a Clay County Commissioner, and eight years as a member of the Clay County Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, for many years, William T. “Jack” Groves served the United Methodist Church faithfully in the Western North Carolina Conference; and

WHEREAS, William T. “Jack” Groves represented Clay County on several regional and state development commissions, and was instrumental in the establishment of the Western North Carolina Farmer’s Market, as well as the new livestock facility at the Agricultural Experiment Station at Waynesville, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, when he passed away in March 2004, William T. “Jack” Groves left a legacy of civic, church, community, and agricultural development that bears his personal imprint and brought honor and pride to the residents of Clay County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the portion of North Carolina Highway 69 from Cherry Road, south to the Georgia state line as the **William T. Groves Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of September 2012 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation
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