

RESOLUTION FOR RAY KELLY HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, Henry Ray Kelly, known as Ray, was born in Leaksville, N.C. on March 29, 1936, and was a lifelong resident of North Carolina, living most of his life in Rockingham County; and

WHEREAS, Kelly joined the Army and served proudly for 20 years, receiving numerous medals of commendation before he retired in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Kelly actively served the Boy Scouts, was a former scoutmaster, assisted Boy Scouts in attaining the rank of Eagle, gave programs on the proper handling of the American flag, and gave to scouts in need; and

WHEREAS, Kelly served as Commander of the VFW Post 2574 Rockingham County, Vice Commander of American Legion Post 254 Eden, N.C., Commander of the Rockingham County Honor Guard for 17 years, was a member of the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) and the Rockingham County Veterans Coalition, working to serve veterans in need; and

WHEREAS, Kelly served as President of the Veteran's Park Committee for 15 years and worked with other veterans to plan events honoring the veterans of Rockingham County on Memorial Day and Veterans Day each year and worked tirelessly to maintain and develop the park as a lasting tribute; and

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners supports and requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation name a portion of N.C. 65 between County Home Road and N.C. 65 West in honor of Ray Kelly for his generous service to his community and to the veterans of Rockingham County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names a portion of N.C. 65 between Pannel Road (SR 2129) and County Home Road (SR 2371) in Rockingham County as the *Ray Kelly Highway*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 8th day of August 2019 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation