

RESOLUTION FOR SENATOR JAMES SPEED HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, James Speed was a farmer, a cattleman, and a statesman, committed to improvements and progress in agriculture and youth activities, dedicated to the betterment of his Franklin County home and a seeker of truth and fairness in government; and

WHEREAS, Speed served to create and foster change in his 32 years in the N.C. General Assembly and led issues on education, the environment, transportation, rescue services, economic development and aging; and

WHEREAS, Speed served 12 years in the state House of Representatives from 1961-1972 and 20 years in the N.C. Senate from 1977-1997 until his retirement. He represented the citizens of Franklin, Vance, Johnston, Nash, Wake, Warren and Wilson counties; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable experience and insight of Speed will stand unmatched in the history of North Carolina politics and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Speed was the recipient of “The Order of the Long Leaf Pine” by authorization of Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Speed served locally as a member of the board of trustees at Franklin Memorial Hospital from 1950-1977 and served as a member of the Franklin County Board of Health from 1940-1965 and continued to serve his community until his passing in 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina Board of Transportation name a five-mile section of U.S. 401 from Retail Way to Flat Rock Church Road in Franklin County in Speed’s honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names U.S. 401 from Retail Way to Flat Rock Church Road in Franklin County as the *Senator James Speed 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