

RESOLUTION

North Carolina Department of Transportation

RESOLUTION FOR "HARRIET MOREHEAD BERRY FREEWAY"

WHEREAS, Harriet Morehead Berry, born July 22, 1877, died March 24, 1940 was a native of Hillsborough and a long time resident of Chapel Hill and Orange County, and

WHEREAS, Harriet Morehead Berry was a leader in the good roads movement in North Carolina and a civic and political activist, and

WHEREAS, Harriet Morehead Berry provided leadership in the North Carolina Good Roads Association attempting to secure legislation to construct a state system of hardsurface roads, and,

WHEREAS, Harriet Morehead Berry exerted strenuous efforts between 1919 and 1921 to speak in 89 of North Carolina's 100 counties in support of said State system, and

WHEREAS, through her efforts, the membership of the North Carolina Good Roads Association increased from 272 to 5,500, and,

WHEREAS, as a result of her leadership and hard work, the General Assembly in 1921 passed legislation creating the State Highway Commission and committed North Carolina to the construction of a State system of modern highways, and,

WHEREAS, in 1962, the State Highway Commission authorized placement of a bronze plaque in the Highway Building commemorating Harriet Morehead Berry as "North Carolina Mother of Good Roads," and,

WHEREAS, Governor James G. Martin, recognizes the historical and economic contributions of Harriet Morehead Berry which have resulted in North Carolina being known as "The Good Roads State," and,

WHEREAS, Board of Transportation Members Bill Buchanan and Nancy Rand fully support the recognition of Harriet Morehead Berry for her contributions to our State's transportation system, and,

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commission for Women, the Orange County Board of Commissioners, the Chapel Hill Town Council, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Hillsborough Town Council, all have endorsed the nomination and recognition of a portion of I-40 through Orange County as the "Harriet Morehead Berry Freeway."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That that portion of Interstate 40 presently under construction in Orange County from I-85 near Hillsborough to US 15-501 is hereby designated the "Harriet Morehead Berry Freeway."

2. That the Department of Transportation is ordered to erect appropriate signs at a suitable time after the completion of construction of Interstate 40.

This the 14th day of February, 1986.