

RESOLUTION # _____

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION TO
DEDICATE THE I-26 BRIDGE OVER LONG SHOALS
ROAD (NC HIGHWAY 146) AS THE
“JUSTICE HARRY C. MARTIN BRIDGE”**

WHEREAS, Harry C. Martin was raised in Lenoir North Carolina, graduated from the University of Chapel Hill, served in World War II and earned his law degree from Harvard Law School before coming to Buncombe County as a private practice attorney in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Harry C. Martin was appointed Superior Court Judge in Buncombe County by Governor Terry Sanford in 1962, reappointed by Governor Dan K. Moore and elected by the people; and

WHEREAS, Justice Harry C. Martin was known as an innovator and implemented the “firecracker” or one day/one case jury system still in use in Buncombe County and other Districts to this day; and

WHEREAS, Justice Harry C. Martin was appointed by Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. as an Associate Justice to the Supreme Court of North Carolina in 1982 and served until he retired in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Justice Harry C. Martin returned to private practice until becoming the Chief Circuit Mediator of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit from 1994 to 1999 during which time he designed and implemented the appellate mediation program for the Fourth Circuit; and

WHEREAS, Justice Harry C. Martin became the chief Justice of the Cherokee Supreme Court of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians in 2000 and supervised the creation of the new Tribal Court system on the Qualla Indian Boundary in Western North Carolina and established the Cherokee Court as a leader among the Indian Nations. When he retired in 2006 he was made an Honorary member of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, throughout his extensive career, Justice Harry C. Martin has brought honor to this County; he has improved every area of the justice system that he has tirelessly served and deserves to have the I-26 bridge over Long Shoals Road named in his honor as it was one he traveled many, many times during his work across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board does hereby request the North Carolina Department of Transportation to dedicate the bridge on Interstate 26 that crosses NC Highway 146 known as Long Shoals Road as the “Justice Harry C. Martin Bridge”.
2. That this resolution be approved upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 1st day of November, 2011.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

MICHAEL FRUE, COUNTY ATTORNEY

