Resolution Requesting the State Department of Transportation Name a Section of US Highway 70 "Highway of Heroes"

- WHEREAS, the Swannanoa Business Association, the Buncombe County Veterans Council and the Board of Commissioners for Buncombe County find it to be fitting and proper to honor veterans in our area; and
- WHEREAS, last year, the Buncombe County Veterans Memorial team conducted military rites at 143 funerals at the State Cemetery located off US Highway 70; and
- WHEREAS, there are hundreds of funeral processions every year that follow the route from I-40 to the military graveyard off Grovestone Road; and
- WHEREAS, naming of the section of US Highway 70 from the intersection of Patton Cove Road (I-40, Exit 59) to Grovestone Road the "Highway of Heroes" would be one last honor for these men and women on their final journey; and
- WHEREAS, this Board finds that it would be in the best interest of the citizens of this County to honor our veterans living and dead with the naming of this section of US Hwy. 70 "Highway of Heroes".

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

- 1. That this Board does hereby request that the Department of Transportation for the State of North Carolina designate the section of US Highway 70 from the intersection of Patton Cove Road (I-40, Exit 59) to Grovestone Road as the "Highway of Heroes".
- 2. That upon said designation the State Department of Transportation cause to have erected appropriate signage to make the general public aware of said dedication.
- 3. That this Board further requests that this decision and signage be installed prior to September 2011 as The Wall That Heals (Vietnam Memorial replica) will arrive in Swannanoa with a multiple motorcycle escort on September 20th and will be passing through Black Mountain to Swannanoa via US Hwy 70.
- 4. That this resolution be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of April, 2011.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

BY:\_

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

MIKE FRUE, COUNTY ATTORNEY