

# RESOLUTION FOR CONGRESSMAN EARL RUTH

**WHEREAS**, Earl Baker Ruth was born in 1916 in Rowan County and lived until 1989; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl Baker Ruth served as a member of the Salisbury City Council and later as mayor pro tempore; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl Baker Ruth was a coach, professor, athletic director and Dean of Students at Catawba College; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl Baker Ruth was elected to Congress in 1968, representing the 8<sup>th</sup> District, and won re-election twice; and

**WHEREAS**, Earl Baker Ruth served briefly as Governor of American Samoa from 1975-1976; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rowan County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor the memory of Earl Baker Ruth for his outstanding career as a congressman, his dedicated service to his country, the State of North Carolina and to the citizens of Rowan County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the section of U.S. 601 from Jake Alexander Boulevard to the Davie County line in Rowan County, as the **Congressman Earl Ruth Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of October 2011 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation