

Legislation Text

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Resolution Supporting the Julius Chambers Memorial Highway Designation

Action:

Adopt a resolution supporting the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Julius Chambers Memorial Highway designation.

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- Through the adoption of this resolution, Charlotte's City Council indicates its support for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to vote on the designation of the Julius Chambers Memorial Highway.
- Local support is required by the North Carolina Board of Transportation to vote on designating a portion of US I-85 through Charlotte the Julius Chambers Memorial Highway.
- The portion of US I-85 being designated Julius Chambers Memorial Highway is from the I-77 interchange to the I-85 Connector.
- Julius Chambers advanced the rights of minorities and low-income people through his tireless advocacy in the forms of litigation, scholarly research, and grassroots activism, and enhanced racial equality throughout the nation from his home state of North Carolina.
- Julius Chambers was born in 1936 in Mount Gilead, North Carolina and graduated summa cum laude from what is now North Carolina Central University. After obtaining a master's degree in history from the University of Michigan, Julius Chambers returned to his native North Carolina to study law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He graduated first in his class and served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review.
- Julius Chambers was one of the first two NAACP Legal Defense Fund scholarship recipients and was the Legal Defense Fund's first Legal Fellow. After working as an intern and lawyer, cooperating attorney, board member, and board chair, Julius Chambers served as Director-Counsel of the Legal Defense Fund from 1984 to 1993.
- Julius Chambers founded the first integrated law firm in the State of North Carolina, where he worked to advance civil rights and litigated landmark civil rights cases in the United States Supreme Court. Julius Chambers won numerous cases before the United States Supreme Court, including Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education and Griggs v. Duke Power Company.

Attachment(s)

Map
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