

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE BILL 76

Short Title: Purple Heart Memorial Highway. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Russell; Sexton, Warner, Davis, and Morris.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

February 8, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 AS THE PURPLE HEART
2 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.
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4 Whereas, throughout history brave Americans and brave North Carolinians
5 have shed their blood during wars and conflicts to preserve, protect, and defend the
6 foundation of the principles of democracy and freedom, and many have paid the
7 ultimate sacrifice to ensure that future generations enjoy life's liberties; and

8 Whereas, General George Washington, who was born on February 22, 1732,
9 established, on August 7, 1782, the Military Badge of Merit which on February 22,
10 1932, became the present Purple Heart medal, now the oldest military decoration in the
11 world; and

12 Whereas, the Purple Heart medal is awarded to all military personnel who are
13 killed or wounded in action against the enemy; Now, therefore,
14 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

15 **SECTION 1.** Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
16 new section to read:

17 "**§ 136-18.5A. Purple Heart Memorial Highway.**

18 Interstate Highway 95 in North Carolina is designated as the 'Purple Heart Memorial
19 Highway' to pay tribute to the many North Carolinians who have been awarded the
20 Purple Heart medal after being wounded or killed in action against the enemy."

21 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation shall, with the assistance of
22 the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Division of Veterans Affairs, design and
23 place appropriate signage on Interstate Highway 95 at suitable locations, consistent with
24 State and federal regulations, near the South Carolina and Virginia borders and at the
25 intersection of Interstate Highway 40, implementing Section 1 of this act.

26 **SECTION 3.** The signs required by Section 2 of this act shall be placed and
27 dedicated on August 7, 2001, the anniversary of the creation of the Purple Heart medal
28 by General George Washington.

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SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.