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A RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE REDESIGNATION OF THE
APPALACHIAN CORRIDOR B (I-181\U.S. 23)
AS INTERSTATE 26 (I-26)

WHEREAS, the Town of Mount Carmel
shares a common purpose of encouraging economic development
within the region; and

WHEREAS, the national interstate highway network is a
major component in regional industrial recruitment and
economic development; and

WHEREAS, plans for the facility date back to 1965; and

WHEREAS, in 1981 the Tennessee Department of
Transportation began initial efforts toward construction of
the Appalachian Corridor B (I-181/U.S.23) from Johnson City
to the North Carolina State Line; and

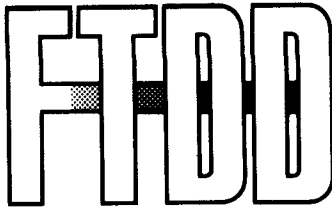
WHEREAS, Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter has made the
completion, by 1992, of the section of U. S. 23 south of Erwin
to the North Carolina State Line, a top priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the
Town of Mount Carmel
endorses the redesignation of Appalachian Corridor B
(I-181/U.S. 23) as Interstate 26 (I-26).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution
be forwarded to the appropriate agencies encouraging their
assistance in securing this redesignation.

7-28-88
Date

Gary Lawson
Mayor
Title
Town of Mt. Carmel
Agency

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July 1, 1988

MEMORANDUM

CARTER
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TO: First Tennessee Development District Board of Directors
and the US 23/I-26 NOW Committee

GREENE
BAILEYTON
GREENEVILLE
MOSHEIM
TUSCULUM

FROM: Fred Congdon, Chairman

At the June 1st Semi-Annual Meeting of the First Tennessee Development District, a committee was formed to promote the re-designation of US 23/I-181 as Interstate 26 (I-26). This committee has met and formulated several steps to insure the progress of the re-designation of US 23/I-181.

HANCOCK
SNEEDVILLE

The Committee felt that it needs support of the entire region in this effort. This support should come from all segments of the region, both non-governmental as well as governmental entities. In order for the Committee to contact every possible business, industry and organization that could offer support in the way of resolutions or letters, the NOW Committee is asking each of you to send a list of businesses, industries and civic organizations in your community that might be willing to assist in this effort. This list should include the name of the person to whom the correspondence should be sent and a mailing address. The Committee is seeking all types of businesses and industries including trucking companies, financial institutions, chambers of commerce, economic development boards, hotels, and motels as well as city and county governments and other persons that will be favorably affected by this re-designation of US 23/I-181. Please send this list to Deborah DeLucia at the First Tennessee Development District.

HAWKINS
BULLS GAP
CHURCH HILL
MOUNT CARMEL
ROGERSVILLE
SURGOINSVILLE

JOHNSON
MOUNTAIN CITY

SULLIVAN
BLUFF CITY
BRISTOL
KINGSPORT

As these lists are received, correspondence will be sent to those on the list asking for their support along with sample resolutions for their use. The Committee would like to receive these lists no later than July 18, 1988. For your information, a sample resolution is enclosed.

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ERWIN

Thank you in advance for your timely attention to this matter.

WASHINGTON
JOHNSON CITY
JONESBOROUGH