

## **A Resolution by the State Transportation Board**

**WHEREAS**, James Slaton "Jay" Shaw was a highly respected and deeply loved member of the State Transportation Board; led the Board as Chairman of the State Transportation Board in 2013; and diligently representing the eighth congressional district from 2010 until 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, during his distinguished career, Mr. Shaw has shown himself to be a true public servant having dedicated his life to serving the citizens of South Georgia as well as the state of Georgia through a multitude of elected positions; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shaw, a native of Lakeland, Georgia, attended Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College before later establishing The Jay Shaw Company, a real estate and insurance agency focused on providing financial support and involvement for communities in and around Lakeland; and

**WHEREAS**, during his many years of service, Mr. Shaw was involved in organizations statewide ranging from transportation, healthcare and business to education, agriculture and forestry; and

**WHEREAS**, during his 16 years in the Georgia House of Representatives, Mr. Shaw was a staunch supporter of providing much needed funding for the improvement of Georgia's transportation system. He was also a strong advocate for advancing healthcare in rural areas – spending a majority of his time working to improve the hospitals and nursing homes in South Georgia. While in the General Assembly representing State House District 176 for 18 years, Mr. Shaw served as the chairman of the community health subcommittee for the House Appropriations Committee bringing rural healthcare initiatives and funding to South Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shaw proudly served Lakeland as its mayor for 10 years representing the people's interests, advancing the community's position in the region. In his time as mayor, he was also instrumental in working with state and federal government agencies to preserve the future of Banks Lake, a historic landmark in South Georgia. He is also recognized for his unwavering service to his community as a Trustee and Board member of the Unity United Methodist Church in Lakeland and as a Board member of FMB Bancshares for 29 years. Through these various roles, Mr. Shaw continued to reaffirm his commitment to being a champion for his constituencies ensuring fairness, balance and positive reform; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past five years, the Georgia Department of Transportation has greatly benefitted from the leadership and expertise of Mr. Shaw. His commitment to advocating on behalf of the eighth congressional district has positively impacted Georgia motorists and advanced the transportation infrastructure statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, known for his impeccable reputation, Mr. Shaw will be remembered for his generosity, intellect, selflessness, quick wit and charm – all of which made a significant impact on his fellow Board members and the Department as a whole; and

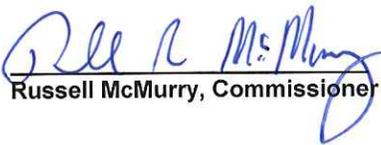
**WHEREAS**, Mr. Shaw's legacy will continue through his loving wife of 45 years, Libby Shaw; his devoted sons and daughters-in-law Jason, Sam, Katy and Christa Shaw; and his adoring grandchildren Jenna, Brady, Anne and Slaton Shaw; and

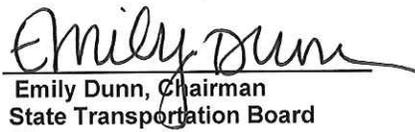
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Transportation Board recognizes James Shaw for his exemplary contributions and his loyal service to the Georgia Department of Transportation and Georgians statewide; appreciates his dedication to improving and advancing Georgia's transportation infrastructure; expresses extreme gratitude for having the opportunity to have known someone of his caliber; and offers prayers of strength and perseverance for his family; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a suitable copy be presented to the family of James Shaw in recognition of his commitment, service and substantive contributions.

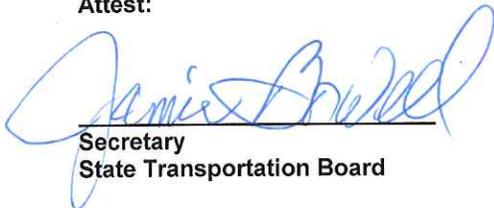
Adopted this the 19th day of November, 2015.

Approved:

  
Russell McMurry, Commissioner

  
Emily Dunn, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

Attest:

  
Secretary  
State Transportation Board