

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

**WHEREAS**, Michael Jeffery Bolden, graduated from Bluefield State College with a bachelor's degrees in Civil Engineering Technology and Mining Engineering Technology, and started his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1985 as a Civil Engineering Technologist in the Office of Road and Airport Design; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bolden successfully mastered the skill of road design, becoming the resident expert in the area and receiving the Commissioner's Achievement Award for Outstanding Service; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Bolden moved into various positions in the Design office to the level of Design Group Manager; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2001, he was promoted to the Office of Utilities as the State Permit Program Engineer where he successfully spearheaded the implementation of GUPS - the Georgia Utility Permitting System – and reduced permitting time by almost ninety percent; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Bolden breathed new life into the Utility Pole Safety Program by actively monitoring crashes involving utility poles to establish an effective system for prioritizing needed relocations to limit incidents; and

**WHEREAS**, During his tenure, he received many awards and honors for his innovative and forward-thinking programs including the AASHTO Leadership Award, the AASHTO Innovation Award and the FHWA James F. Condron Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike Bolden's 30 years with the Department of Transportation provided an opportunity for him to impact the quality of life for Georgia citizens, and to develop new standards for utilities and permits that benefit all State DOTs.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the State Transportation Board recognizes Mike Bolden for his exemplary service and contributions to the Georgia Department of Transportation, appreciates his loyal and devoted service, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

**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 Michael Jeffery Bolden in recognition of his commitment, dedication and selfless service.

**Adopted this the 16th day of April, 2015.**

**Approved:**

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Russell McMurry, Commissioner

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Don Grantham, Chairman  
State Transportation Board

**Attest:**

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Robert L. Brown, Jr., Secretary  
State Transportation Board