



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK OF THE
21ST CENTURY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Resolution #2009-01**

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina formed the 21st Century Transportation Committee to examine new ways to meet the state's transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Chairman Brad Wilson the committee met for more than a year to examine the transportation needs of the state; and

WHEREAS, the committee found that the Department of Transportation has more than \$65 billion in unfunded road needs; and

WHEREAS, the committee found that more than 2,500 bridges in the state of North Carolina are structurally deficient; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommended a menu of options for raising additional revenue for transportation improvements; and

WHEREAS, the committee identified policy changes that will make the road construction process more efficient;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce endorses the work of the 21st Century Transportation Committee and encourages the General Assembly to act promptly on the committee's recommendations to address the state's pressing road needs.

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2009.

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Stephen M. Morris, Board Chairman

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John S. Cox, President & CEO



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN OPPOSITION TO
“CARD CHECK” - EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT (EFCA)**

Resolution #2009-02

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce seeks to support issues of public policy that will strengthen the business environment; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County and North Carolina have grown and continue to prosper due to one of the lowest unionization rates in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the current secret ballot process of union organization as it subscribes to the basic tenets of our nation’s democracy; and

WHEREAS, the deceptively titled “Employee Free Choice Act” deprives the employee of the basic American right to a secret ballot; and

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the current arrangement of employer and union negotiation and opposes the proposed interference of federal government arbitrators, as this is a violation of the American free enterprise system; and

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce opposes the proposed undue penalties and regulations only applicable to the employer; and

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce strongly believes in the proud work ethic, civil spirit and volunteerism that is the hallmark of the employers and the employees of our business community, and to that end, the Chamber of Commerce works diligently to ensure only the very best for each of them, their families and for job security;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce through the adoption of this resolution, strongly opposes the “Employee Free Choice Act” and stands behind our community’s employees and employers and their basic right to a democratic, secret ballot process.

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2009.

Stephen M. Morris, Board Chairman

John S. Cox, President & CEO



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED AUTHORITY FOR
ANNEXATION BY MUNICIPALITIES
Resolution #2009-03**

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce is committed to the creation of jobs through the attraction, expansion and retention of businesses which are compatible with our community needs and which will diversify the region's economy, create capital investment and improve employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, for 49 years North Carolina's annexation laws have worked to help keep taxes low for city businesses; attract new jobs and protect property values, the environment and local government bond and credit rating; and

WHEREAS, cities and towns are job centers with more than 85 percent of all jobs in NC in the metropolitan areas; and

WHEREAS, orderly growth through annexation provides a means for the provision of needed municipal services; and

WHEREAS, such orderly growth helps prevent unnecessary duplication of services, proliferation of special taxing districts and promotes environmental protection and the economic strength of cities, towns and the state; and

WHEREAS, annexation allows municipalities, on behalf of their residents, to ensure that those who benefit from municipal services and their proximity to a municipality help pay a fair share of the cost of those services and benefits; and

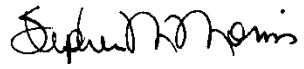
WHEREAS, for these 49 years the North Carolina General Assembly has determined that it is in the best interests of North Carolina citizens to allow municipalities authority to undertake annexation under strict, specified circumstances and standards as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce further advocates that municipalities which engage in annexation do hereby provide needed, promised, and expected services for those annexed by municipalities as provided by current law; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina cities and towns, through the North Carolina League of Municipalities have suggested specific changes to the existing statute governing annexations that provide reasonable changes that address most of the concerns expressed by opponents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce declares continued support for the sound principles that form the basis of North Carolina's annexation statutes and expresses its opposition to any moratorium on annexation and to modifying statutes to require a vote of those annexed that will ultimately harm the majority of North Carolinians through higher taxes, more expensive bond costs and creeping community decay.

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2009.

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Stephen M. Morris, Board Chair

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF
US AIRWAYS APPLICATION TO PROVIDE SERVICE TO BRAZIL
Resolution #2009-04**

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce believes success of our region is tied to the success of Charlotte-Mecklenburg; and

WHEREAS, US Airways has always demonstrated a willingness to meet with our community leaders in an effort to respond to our international as well as domestic service needs; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte-Europe and Charlotte-Caribbean/Central America service US Airways offers has become a valuable transportation “asset” of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce has every confidence that affording US Airways an opportunity to provide its first service to Brazil and South America will represent a similarly important addition to our community, bringing substantial benefits to both business and tourist travelers from our area to Brazil; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no nonstop flight service from Charlotte Douglas International Airport to South America; and the new service will provide residents and businesses of the Charlotte region with the convenience of nonstop Brazil service; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of improved transportation links to Brazil will be felt throughout our community, and such service will further boost Charlotte’s Douglas International Airport as an emerging international hub; and

WHEREAS, US Airways’ financial success and remarkable turnaround over the course of the past three years is strong evidence of its ability to maximize, throughout both the East and West coasts, the benefits of its significant Charlotte presence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce declares support for US Airway’s application to provide nonstop service from Charlotte Douglas International Airport to Brazil which will contribute to the health of the regional economy.

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2009.

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF
THE CAROLINA THREAD TRAIL
Resolution #2009-05**

WHEREAS, the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce is committed to maintaining and enhancing quality of life for its citizens and recognizes that the Carolina Thread Trail will contribute to quality of life by weaving together communities via a regional network of trails and greenways eventually connecting fifteen counties and millions of citizens; and

WHEREAS, many communities in our region have taken a lead in planning and/or building local trails and greenways, and those efforts can be greatly enhanced by being connected to a larger regional network of trails; and

WHEREAS, trails and their green buffer areas will help improve the quality of the air we breathe by preserving trees and vegetation and by promoting non-motorized transportation, and will enhance the quality of our water through natural buffers and mitigation of storm water run-off; and

WHEREAS, trails and greenways provide key amenities to neighborhoods and safe areas for our citizens and children to travel, exercise, play and connect with nature away from heavily trafficked areas; and

WHEREAS, trails have significant impact on the economic viability of the region through increased levels of tourism, enhanced property values, added jobs related to the construction of and along the trail, as well as enhanced ability to attract and retain businesses to the region due to improved quality of life; and

WHEREAS, trails and greenways are freely accessible community assets offering opportunities for recreation and exercise to everyone, including children, youth and families, and provide safe places for people to experience a sense of community and create stronger social and family ties; and

WHEREAS, there is no second chance to protect the Carolinas' great resources in this unique way for our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, and the cost of these invaluable resources will only increase in the future; and

WHEREAS, private funding is available to communities from the Carolina Thread Trail for planning and construction of regional trails, and this private funding will leverage public funding from federal, state and various sources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the Carolina Thread Trail and is committed in concept to working with neighboring communities and with the Carolina Thread Trail to plan, design and build a system of trails that will connect our communities, people and special regional points of interest for years to come.

Adopted this 16th day of April, 2009.

Stephen M. Morris, Board Chair

John S. Cox, President & CEO



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF
PRESERVATION OF FUNDING FOR I-85 WIDENING
IN CABARRUS COUNTY
Resolution #2009-06**

WHEREAS, I-85 serves as a critical transportation corridor, not only for North Carolina but the Southeast; and,

WHEREAS, the widening of I-85 through North Carolina's urban areas has been a main priority for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and the Cabarrus/Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization for decades; and,

WHEREAS, the longest remaining section of I-85 yet to be widened through urbanized areas is the section in Cabarrus County, creating a bottleneck that leads to severe congestion and dangerous conditions for travelers; and,

WHEREAS, NCDOT is doing the required planning and engineering, and has programmed the funding to start construction on the widening of I-85 in 2011; and,

WHEREAS, NCDOT has now indicated for the last section of I-85 to be constructed there must be a trade off of funds from another project and some in the region have mentioned shifting money from the I-85 project for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, Cabarrus County, the City of Concord and the City of Kannapolis have anticipated the I-85 widening project to begin for many years while observing NCDOT completion of I-85 projects to the north and to the south; and,

WHEREAS, sound NCDOT policy must target funds to ensure the adequacy of existing facilities instead of shifting dollars for new construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the construction of the last leg of I-85 and strongly opposes the transfer of any funds that will result in further delay of the next phase of the widening of I-85 in Cabarrus County.

Adopted this ___ day of ____, 2009.

Stephen M. Morris, Board Chair

John S. Cox, President & CEO



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF IMPROVEMENTS TO
NORFOLK SOUTHERN AND CSX RAIL LINE INTERSECTION
Resolution #2009-07**

WHEREAS, freight and passenger mobility is critical to the economic prosperity, energy efficiency, and quality of life in the state of North Carolina and the Cabarrus Region, and

WHEREAS, population growth, increased trade and changes in international regional, national and international logistics, have combined to create both freight movement and passenger vehicle congestion throughout the state of North Carolina, and

WHEREAS, many recent studies have shown that transporting goods by rail is more energy efficient than transporting goods by truck, and creates fewer air quality-eroding carbon emissions, and

WHEREAS, the state's population is projected to increase by 50 percent by 2030, creating additional demands on land-use and our transportation system that is already under capacity, and

WHEREAS, the intersection of the Norfolk Southern and CSX Transportation rail lines in uptown Charlotte require improvements for safety and efficiency, and

WHEREAS, these improvements will improve both passenger and rail traffic through Cabarrus County and surrounding areas and benefit the local residents and citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce endorses the rail intersection improvements and encourages the United States Department of Transportation to fully fund the project to address the state's pressing rail needs.

Adopted this ___ day of ____, 2009.

Stephen M. Morris, Board Chair

John S. Cox, President & CEO



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
CABARRUS REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF
AUTOMOBILE DEALER ECONOMIC RIGHTS
RESTORATION ACT OF 2009 – H.R. 2743 and S 1304**

Resolution #2009-08

WHEREAS, the economic crisis has affected all industries, and in particular, the automobile manufacturing and sales industry, and additional loss of jobs created by closing dealerships would negatively impact the economy; and,

WHEREAS, the integrity of states' franchise rights is legally and morally imperative; and,

WHEREAS, the Ben Mynatt Family of Dealerships' Chevrolet franchise has been a part of the Cabarrus County landscape for more than thirty years, contributing to the economic vitality of the county and supporting numerous nonprofit organizations and charitable causes through talent and treasure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce supports the passage of H. R. 2743 and S 1304 to restore economic rights to automobile dealers.

Adopted this 17th day of July, 2009.

Stephen M. Morris, Board Chair

John S. Cox, President & CEO