



**Date:** December 19, 2022

**To:** Wanda S. Page, City Manager  
**Through:** Karmisha R. Wallace, Chief of Staff  
**From:** Amber Wade, Assistant to the Mayor  
**Subject:** Resolution to Designate a Portion of N.C. Highway 751 and Cameron Boulevard, from Kerley Road to Duke University Road, as “Coach K Highway”

### **Executive Summary**

Duke University would like to honor former Duke Men’s Basketball Coach Michael William Krzyzewski (“Coach K”), by designating a portion of N.C. Highway 751 and Cameron Boulevard, from Kerley Road to Duke University Road, as “Coach K Highway.” The N.C. Department of Transportation administers the highway designation process and adoption of a resolution from City Council is required for the designation application.

### **Motion**

To adopt a resolution supporting the honorary designation of N.C. Highway 751 and Cameron Boulevard, from Kerley Road to Duke University Road, as “Coach K Highway.”

### **Background**

Michael William Krzyzewski (Coach K) served as the head coach of Duke Men’s Basketball from 1980 to 2022 and retired after 47 years and 42 seasons at Duke.

Coach K has accumulated the following career accomplishments and milestones:

- MOST NCAA Division I Victories (1,202)
- MOST Final Fours (13; five NCAA Championships, second all-time)
- MOST Decades with Final Four Appearances (five - 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, 2010s, and 2020s)
- MOST Olympic Gold Medals as a Head Coach (3 - 2008, 2012 and 2016)
- MOST World Championship Gold Medals as a Head Coach (2 - 2010 and 2014)
- MOST NCAA Tournament Victories (101)
- MOST NCAA Tournament Appearances by a Coach (36)
- MOST Games as No. 1 Team in the Country by a Coach (254)
- MOST Weeks as No. 1 Team in the Country by a Coach (127)
- MOST Seasons as No. 1 Team in the Country by a Coach (21)
- MOST Atlantic Coast Conference Victories (535)
- MOST ACC Tournament Championships (15)
- MOST NBA Draft No. 1 Selections (4)
- MOST NBA Draft Lottery Selections (29)
- MOST NBA Draft First Round Selections (46)
- MOST NBA Draft selections (73)
- 12-time National Coach of the Year

- Named Sportsman of the Year in 2011 by Sports Illustrated
- Recipient or co-recipient of the USA Basketball National Coach of the Year Award
- Only Men's coach to have won gold medals at the Olympics and the FIBA World Cup, while also possessing at least one NCAA Championship (he has five)
- Student athletes have combined to earn All-ACC Academic Team Honors 82 times during his tenure, including at least one in each of the last 28 seasons
- Executive-in-residence at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business since 2001

Duke University recognized Coach K's vital role on campus in 1997 when it awarded him the Medal of Honor – Duke's highest honor – at the University Founders' Day Convocation. He received an Honorary Alumnus Award from the Duke Medical Center for his contributions to the Duke Children's Health Center.

Krzyzewski has been committed to public service, both locally and nationally, throughout his coaching career. He is currently serving on boards for, while also assuming vital roles with, the Duke Children's Hospital, the Jimmy V Foundation for Cancer Research, the NABC Foundation, and the CEO Roundtable on Cancer. Coach K followed President George H.W. Bush as honorary co-chair of C-Change, a collaboration to conquer cancer, from 2006-15.

Coach K's philanthropic activities also include the establishment and funding of the Emily Krzyzewski Center, a community center in Durham named in honor of his late mother. The Center's mission is to inspire economically disadvantaged students to dream big, act with character and purpose, strive for academic excellence and reach their highest potential as future citizen leaders.

### **Issues and Analysis**

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) acts upon local requests for honorary road designations. When considering honorary road designations; the road cannot already be named after someone, the person being honored cannot already have a road segment named after them, and the designated road segment cannot exceed five miles. NCDOT's staff committee has already approved advancing this request to the Road/Bridge/Ferry Naming Committee (Committee); however, the following items are required before an honorary road designation request is forwarded to the Committee:

1. A copy of the Resolution, passed unanimously by the City Council, agreeing to the honorary designation;
2. A copy of the meeting minutes that state the Resolution was passed unanimously and the opportunity for public input was provided;
3. A completed Character Certification Form;
4. A minimum of three recommendation letters (civic, business, or service organizations);
5. Verification of family support;
6. Written documentation that affirms the willingness of the local government or sponsor to participate financially by paying an administrative fee of \$2,000.

### **Alternatives**

The City Council could adopt the Resolution supporting the honorary designation of N.C. Highway 751 and Cameron Boulevard, from Kerley Road to Duke University Road, as "Coach K Highway" pursuant to the application process prescribed by NCDOT. If City Council does not unanimously adopt the proposed Resolution, the honorary designation application will not be considered by NCDOT.

**Financial Impact**

Upon approval from NCDOT's Road/Bridge/Ferry Naming Committee, a one-time fee of \$2,000 for the construction and installation of the highway signage is required. Written documentation affirming the willingness of the local government or sponsor will also be required. Duke University has agreed to provide the \$2,000 fee.

**Equal Business Opportunity Summary**

Due to the nature of this agenda item, a review by the Finance Department was not required.

**Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices**

Due to the nature of this agenda item, obtaining Contractor Workforce Diversity & Hiring Practices information would not be applicable.

**Attachments**

A Resolution of the Durham City Council Supporting the Honorary Designation of N.C. Highway 751 and Cameron Boulevard, from Kerley Road to Duke University Road, as "Coach K Highway."