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NC Transportation Hall of Fame Induction and Award Ceremony to Take Place in High Point

Raleigh, N.C. – The North Carolina Transportation Hall of Fame will hold its 2005 Induction Ceremony tomorrow at the Radisson Hotel in High Point, North Carolina.

The induction of several key individuals in North Carolina will include Robert Barnhill, Sr., Earl Congdon, Jr., Paul D. Cribbins, Thomas H. Davis, Herman J. Hoose, John Motley Morehead, and Billy Rose. The Founders Award will be presented as well as the first ever Pereley A. Thomas Award. NC Department of Transportation Deputy Secretary David King will be Master of Ceremonies and Arnold B. McKinnon will present the keynote speech. Nearly 300 transportation professionals are registered for the event.

The Pereley A. Thomas Award is to be given for achievement and innovation in the field of School Bus Transportation. The award was named after the founder of Thomas Built Buses, a High Point, North Carolina School Bus design company and national leader in the school bus industry. This honor will be presented by Rick Klinedinst, vice president of Human Resources for Thomas Built Buses.

The North Carolina Transportation Hall of Fame celebrates North Carolina's transportation history by recognizing achievements in transportation and honoring those for their part in the success or impact on North Carolina's transportation. Their mission is "to promote a better understanding of and appreciation for all past, present and future transportation modes and facilities in North Carolina." NCTHF strives to recognize and promote past, present and future accomplishments, to memorialize the history of transportation modes and facilities, and to promote and support transportation education and research. For more information on the NC Transportation Hall of Fame visit: www.ncthf.org.

Professionals at the Institute for Transportation Research and Education will be attending the event. David C. Robinson, senior research associate at the Center for Transportation and the Environment at ITRE is a co-founder and chief executive officer of the North Carolina Transportation Hall of Fame.

ITRE is administered by North Carolina State University, is a non-profit organization that conducts research, education, and technical assistance projects on a wide variety of surface transportation issues with the goals of solving problems and creating new products, better services, and smarter workers. ITRE is located on NCSU's Centennial Campus. For more information about ITRE and related programs, please visit our Web site at www.itre.ncsu.edu

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