

## RESOLUTION FOR ALLEN T. SMALL

**WHEREAS**, Allen Thurman Small was born in Pittsboro, North Carolina in 1932 and graduated as an honor student from Horton High School in 1951; and dedicated his life to public service and education at an early age, graduating from N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University with honors after studying to be a teacher in 1956; joining the United States Army after graduation and serving from September 1956 until August 1958 when he received an honorable discharge; and earning a Master of Arts Degree from Atlanta University on a Federal Education Grant. He also earned an advanced graduate study certificate in education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, as well as certificates from Barber Scotia College, Elizabeth City State University and Rutgers University; and

**WHEREAS**, he spent over three decades in public education, coming to Concord in 1958 to serve as a teacher at Logan High School and was later named principal. Following a one-year sabbatical to attend Atlanta University, he was appointed principal of Coltrane-Webb Elementary School, the first African-American to serve as principal of a desegregated school in Concord. He completed his education career as principal of Wolf Meadow Elementary School, retiring in 1992; he then continued to serve young people and students as assistant to the president at Barber-Scotia College for several years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Small immersed himself in Concord's Logan Community where he resided and was a member of Price Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, organized the Logan Optimist Club and was awarded their prestigious president award, served as chairman of the Logan/Shankletown reunion, and worked on the local and state mental health boards. He was also active in the local and North Carolina Association of Educators and the National Education Association; and played an essential role in the formation of the Concord Diversity Advisory Council. He also served as president of the NC A&T Alumni Chapter in Concord for over ten years, and as Basileus of the Phi Chi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity where he was selected twice as the Man of the Year, and his alma mater inducted him into the "Golden Aggies" on May 12, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Small was elected to the Concord City Council in 1997 and served as a Council Member until passing away June 7, 2006. During that time he served as Mayor Pro-Tem in 2004 and was involved in Concord's successful bid for the All-America City Award of the year; and was posthumously awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in August 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the Concord Mayor and City Council request naming Bridge 266 in honor of Allen T. Small.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names Bridge 266 on Cabarrus Avenue West as the *Allen T. Small Bridge*.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of August 2015 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman