RESOLUTION FOR

BENNIE A. CUNNINGHAM BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Bennie A. Cunningham, a lifelong resident of Cramerton, has devoted his life to community service and working with individuals and groups to improve the quality of their and the community's lives; and,

WHEREAS, Bennie A. Cunningham has worked his entire life in the field of recreation, as Recreation Director for the Burlington Industries Plants in Cramerton and then in the same capacity with the Groves Thread Mill in Gastonia for the past 25 years; and,

WHEREAS, Bennie A. Cunningham was one of the founders of the Gastonia Little Orangemen Football Program which has provided several generations of children a quality and structured program, and on numerous occasions he has coached their teams to both State and National Championships; and,

WHEREAS, Bennie A. Cunningham is active in the Cramerton Community where he is a member of the First Baptist Church serving as a church deacon, and he is a Mason and Shriner, contributing to many community activities through these organizations; and,

WHEREAS, Bennie A. Cunningham has been honored by South Point High School by having the Bennie A. Cunningham Most Improved Award presented each year to a deserving athlete, and Mr. Cunningham has been elected to the Gaston County Sports Hall of Fame; and,

WHEREAS, Bennie A. Cunningham has contributed to the cultural and social environment of Gaston County and has made significant contributions to the citizens, specifically the youth of Gaston County; and,

WHEREAS, the Gaston County Board of Commissioners has recommended that the newly completed bridge spanning Duhart Creek on Secondary Road 2490 in Cramerton be named the "Bennie A. Cunningham Bridge;" and,

WHEREAS, Lanier Williams, at-large representative and Harry Robertson, division representative of the Board of Transportation recommended that this honor be bestowed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

That the newly constructed bridge spanning Duhart Creck on Secondary Road 2490 in Cramerton be named the "Bennie A. Cunningham Bridge."

That the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to erect the appropriate signs.

This, the 13th day of December, 1985

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