

## RESOLUTION FOR CHARLES GEORGE

Upon the recommendation of the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Kernea, seconded by Board Member McQueary, to approve the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the students attending Kindergarten and First Grade at the New Kituwah Language Academy have developed a special relationship with the members of the American Legion located on the Qualla Boundary; and

**WHEREAS**, these students desire to pay tribute to our Veterans by renaming the bridge located at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Qualla Arts & Crafts, and Cherokee Historical Association intersection, in honor of Private First Class Charles George; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 30, 1952, near Songnae-dong, Korea, Private First Class Charles George distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles George was a member of a raiding party committed to engage the enemy and capture a prisoner for interrogation; and

**WHEREAS**, the group was subjected to intense mortar and machine gun fire and suffered several casualties, Charles George fought valiantly and upon reaching the crest of the hill, leaped into the trenches and closed with the enemy in hand-to-hand combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles George and 2 comrades remained to cover the withdrawal after friendly troops were ordered to move back upon completion of the assignment; and

**WHEREAS**, while leaving the trenches a hostile soldier hurled a grenade into their midst and Pfc. George shouted a warning, pushed the other soldier out of danger, and unhesitatingly threw himself upon the grenade, absorbing the full blast of the explosion; and

**WHEREAS**, Charles George was evacuated to the aid station and shortly thereafter succumbed to his wound. Due to his courage, devotion to duty, and willing self-sacrifice, a Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded to him on March 18, 1954.

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

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name Bridge #162 on North Carolina Highway 441 beside the Museum of the Cherokee Indians as the ***Charles George Bridge***.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fifth day of September 2013 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.