

# RESOLUTION

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## RESOLUTION FOR CHARLES A. SUDDRETH

WHEREAS, Charles A. Suddreth was born September 26, 1923 in the Happy Valley Community of Caldwell County; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. Suddreth, as a teenager, worked in sawmills with his father and older brothers; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. Suddreth served as an electrician in the Navy during World War II and was wounded when the destroyer on which he served was sunk off the coast of Japan. He was awarded the Purple Heart, the Pacific Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon and the United States Victory Medal for his service during the war; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. Suddreth began farming in 1947 and in 1951, he and his wife Lucille built the first dairy in Caldwell County. In the early 1960s, Charles and Lucille bought a small store, which became Suddreth's Grocery. The store met the essential needs of the community by providing a wide variety of goods from fresh meat and vegetables to feed, seed and gas; and

WHEREAS, Charles A. Suddreth was elected to the Board of Directors of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation in June 1958 and served continuously for the next 40 years until his death May 7, 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his years of service on the board, Charles A. Suddreth contributed to the development and growth of Caldwell County by serving as a director of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, as secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Farmers Elected Committeemen, and as a member of the Caldwell County Planning Board; and

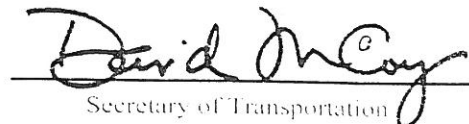
WHEREAS, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners and the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation Board of Directors have requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation to honor Charles A. Suddreth.

### NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names N.C. 268 from U.S. 321 (Cheeks Crossroads) to Buffalo Cove Road in Caldwell County in honor of Charles A. Suddreth for his unselfish contributions to the citizens of Happy Valley and Caldwell County.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eight day of August 2000 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Secretary of Transportation