

WHEREAS, Jack H. Lucas was a Private First Class serving in the United States Marine Corps during the battle for Iwo Jima Island in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 1945, just 16 days after his 17th birthday, Jack H. Lucas and three other Marines were creeping through a treacherous, twisting ravine near an uncertain front line when they were suddenly and savagely ambushed by a hostile Japanese patrol with rifle fire and grenades; and

WHEREAS, when two grenades landed directly in front of them, Jack H. Lucas acted quickly to protect the lives of the small group by unhesitatingly hurling himself over his comrades landing on one grenade and then pulling the other grenade under him. He absorbed the whole blasting forces of the explosions in his own body (which he survived) in order to shield his companions from the concussion and murderous flying fragments; and

WHEREAS, by his inspiring act and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice, Jack H. Lucas not only protected his comrades from certain injury and possible death but also enabled them to rout the Japanese patrol and continue the advance; and

WHEREAS, Jack H. Lucas was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty;" and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Jack H. Lucas by naming a section of U.S. 64 in Washington County in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That, for his courage and devotion the North Carolina Board of Transportation names U.S. 64 from N.C. 45 just west of Pines Elementary School east of Plymouth to Newland Road (S.R. 1126) southeast of Roper in Washington County the **Jack H. Lucas Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the third day of June 2004 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

APPROVAL - RESOLUTION FOR COROLLA FERRY

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member White and seconded by Board Member Szlosberg to approve the following: Board Member Myers abstained from voting on the entire agenda.

WHEREAS, the area of Currituck County on the North Carolina Outer Banks once known as Currituck Beach, Whalehead and Jones Hill was renamed Corolla when the United States Post Office was established there in 1895; and

WHEREAS, the name Corolla means "Center of the Flower;" and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation recently approved a new ferry service across Currituck Sound from Corolla to the Currituck County mainland; and

WHEREAS, the Currituck County Board of Commissioners officially supported naming the new ferry the "Corolla Ferry."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the new ferry transporting passengers and vehicles across Currituck Sound between Corolla and the Currituck County mainland **Corolla Ferry** in honor of the Outer Banks community which it serves.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the third day of June 2004 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman,
North Carolina Board of Transportation

Attest: _____
Secretary to the Board of Transportation