

RESOLUTION FOR CORPORAL JESSE LUNSFORD

WHEREAS, Corporal Jesse Lunsford was born in 1895 in Person County and raised on a tobacco farm. He joined the United States Army in 1917 at the time when the United States of America had declared war on Germany and remained enlisted for the duration of the war; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Jesse Lunsford, assigned to Company G, 120th Infantry Regiment, 30th Division, A.E.F., near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918 was fighting to defend the United States of America with extraordinary heroism in action; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Jesse Lunsford attacked, single handed, a machine-gun post from which a destructive fire was being directed against his company. While he was approaching the nest the machine-gun shot the butt off his rifle, but he succeeded in getting close enough to the nest to throw four hand grenades into the nest and then killed the gunner with his bayonet; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Jesse Lunsford was awarded by the President of the United States, authorized by Act of Congress, the Distinguished Service Cross, the second highest award for heroism presented to a combat Army veteran; and

WHEREAS, the Person County Board of Commissioners requests to name a section of U.S. 158 East in memory of Corporal Jesse Lunsford for his acts of heroism and personal sacrifices.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names a portion of U.S. 158 East beginning at 3883 Oxford Road (Ivey Day Road) and ending at 9373 Oxford Road (Thomas Store Road) in Person County as the *Corporal Jesse Lunsford Highway*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of December 2016 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation