RESOLUTION FOR THE LATE JAMES DAVENPORT AND HIS FAMILY

WHEREAS, the late James Davenport was a lifelong resident of the Henderson County community of Mills River; and

WHEREAS, James Davenport opened a mercantile, feed and seed store in Mills River about 1900; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Davenport and members of the Davenport family operated the store until the 1970s; and

WHEREAS, more than 800 citizens of Mills River signed a petition to honor Mr. Davenport and the Davenport family; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on September 15, 1993, asking the N.C. Board of Transportation to honor Mr. Davenport and the Davenport family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the newly completed bridge on N.C. 191/N.C. 280 over Mills River in Henderson County be named the "Davenport Bridge" in honor of James Davenport and the Davenport family for their service to Mills River and Henderson County.

That the North Carolina Department of Transportation erect appropriate signs at a suitable time.

This the eighth day of April 1994.

Secretary of Transportation