

RESOLUTION FOR DAVID B. MELVIN

WHEREAS, David B. Melvin was born in 1902 to a family with long ties to Bladen County. His great grandfather was Robert Melvin, who represented Bladen County in the North Carolina Senate; and

WHEREAS, David B. Melvin was active in his community and attended Oakdale Presbyterian Church in White Oak, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, David B. Melvin was also an avid baseball player and was well known in Bladen County for his pitching skills; and

WHEREAS, David B. Melvin was employed by the State Highway and Public Works Commission; and

WHEREAS, David B. Melvin faithfully served the citizens of North Carolina and Bladen County, as well as visitors to Bladen County, as the Ferry Skipper at the Tar Heel/White Oak crossing of the Cape Fear River and he often worked beyond his normal hours to accommodate travelers; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 1954, he lost his life in the strong current of the Cape Fear River attempting to save the ferry, which had drifted across the river; and

WHEREAS, the Bladen County Board of Commissioners request to name the bridge over the Cape Fear River at Tar Heel in memory of David B. Melvin.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge over the Cape Fear River at Tar Heel as the *David B. Melvin Bridge*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the 30th day of June 2016 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation