Approval – Resolution for Deputy Sheriff Richard Ashley, Sr.

Upon a recommendation by the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board

Member Wood, seconded by Board Member Perkins, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Richard "Rick" Edward Ashley Sr. served as a Chowan County Deputy Sheriff beginning on March 15, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Ashley was killed along with two other law enforcement officers in the line of duty as the result of a plane crash in July 2002 while flying drug interdiction/eradication patrol in the Icaria Community of Chowan County near Happy Home Road; and

WHEREAS, Happy Home Road in the Icaria Community lies within the territorial boundaries of Chowan County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Chowan County Emergency Responder Memorial Committee has requested that the Edenton Town Council support the proposed dedication of the U.S. 17 Bypass Bridge over N.C. 32 in honor and memory of Deputy Ashley; and

WHEREAS, the Edenton Town Council agrees with the committee that such recognition is deserved.

Now, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the bridge on U.S. 17 Bypass over N.C. 32 in Edenton; Chowan County as the *Deputy Richard Ashley Sr. Bridge*.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fifth day of April 2012 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

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Secretary of Transportation