

## RESOLUTION FOR DOCK T. “DOCKIE” BRENDLE

**WHEREAS**, Dock T. Brendle is a native of Swain County and a Vietnam Veteran that served with the US Army and was assigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Calvary as a Mortar Man on an Armored Personnel Carrier but was later promoted to Track Commander; and

**WHEREAS**, Dock T. Brendle fought many battles during the 1968 Tet Offensive and was wounded on three separate occasions. His last and most severe wounds left him blind in the right eye and paralyzed on his entire left side. He was awarded three Purple Hearts along with numerous other awards and decorations for Valor during Combat; and

**WHEREAS**, Dock T. Brendle returned to his home in Swain County where he has resided since he left Walter Reed Hospital in 1968. The spirit in which he has coped with his disabilities is very uplifting and inspirational to other veterans and citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, Dock T. Brendle has always made himself available to promote veterans and other Humanitarian efforts, and is representative of the struggles of Vietnam Era Veterans. He is a life member of VFW Post 9281 in Bryson City, North Carolina and Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 994 in Franklin, North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Dock T. Brendle is a past Commander of VFW Post 9281, leading the State of North Carolina in membership and Poppy sales. He also served as a member of Post 9281 Honor Guard. He continues to help raise funds for veterans widows, and the most needy of families; and

**WHEREAS**, Dock T. Brendle was presented with a Proclamation from the Swain County Board of Commissioners proclaiming April 26, 2014 as “Dockie Brendle Day”; and

**WHEREAS**, Dock T. Brendle walked the bridge to be named multiple times a day as he walked to and from his job at a produce stand; and

**WHEREAS**, the Swain County Board of Commissioners in conjunction with the Bryson City Town Board of Alderman would like to honor Dock T. “Dockie” Brendle for his bravery, fortitude and service to the United States of America and Swain County.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge located at the intersection of US Highway 74 and Alarka Road in Swain County as the *Dockie Brendle Bridge*.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the seventh day of August 2014 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation