

Approval – Resolution for Dr. Ralph E. Gandy Jr.

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Kindley and seconded by Board Member Blount to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph E. Gandy Jr. was born in Darlington County, South Carolina on December 16, 1926; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph E. Gandy Jr. graduated from high school at the age of 15 and in 1947, at 19, graduated from Auburn University and became the youngest practicing veterinarian in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph E. Gandy Jr. established Gandy Animal Hospital in 1953 where he administered advice, medication and care to pets in Richmond County for nearly 57 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph E. Gandy Jr. served as a member of the Rockingham City Council for 42 years, the longest tenure of any official with the City of Rockingham; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph E. Gandy Jr. was well respected by his colleagues and his peers on the Rockingham City Council and whether serving his church, his family, his community or his profession he always put others first; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ralph E. Gandy Jr. was named the “2000 Richmond County Citizen of the Year”; and

WHEREAS, the Rockingham City Council requested the N.C. Department of Transportation honor Dr. Ralph E. Gandy whose presence, sense of humor, faith, values and friendship enable the city to see the good in each other.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the bridge on U.S. 1 over tracks of the CSX Railroad as the **Dr. Ralph E. Gandy Jr. Bridge** for his dedicated service to the citizens of the city of Rockingham and Richmond County.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of September 2005 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation