RESOLUTION FOR EARL "EASY" CREECH, JR.

WHEREAS, Earl "Easy" Creech, Jr. was a long-time resident of Benson who dedicated his life to the betterment of Johnston County; and

WHEREAS, Earl "Easy" Creech, Jr. after serving in the United States Air Force and graduating from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, returned home and started Creech Marketing and Brokerage Company; and

WHEREAS, Earl "Easy" Creech, Jr. was a member of Benson United Methodist Church where he taught Sunday School and served on the Board of Trustees for many years; and

WHEREAS, Earl "Easy" Creech, Jr., a member of many local civic organizations, was named Citizen of the Year in 1995 by the Benson Area Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Earl "Easy" Creech, Jr. played a major role in persuading Governor Jim Hunt to accelerate the construction of the N.C. 50 bridge over Interstate 95 at Benson; and

WHEREAS, the Benson Town Board of Commissioners and the Johnston County Board of Commissioners asked the N.C. Department of Transportation to honor their native son.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the new bridge on N.C. 50 over Interstate 95 in honor of *Earl "Easy" Creech, Jr.* for his outstanding service to the citizens of his community.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fifth day of January 2001 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Secretary of Transportation