

Approval – Resolution for Edward R. Murrow

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee a motion was made by Board Member Fox, which was seconded by Board Member Tulloss to approve the following:

WHEREAS, Edward R. Murrow was born in 1908 near Polecat Creek, in Sumner Township in Guilford County; and

WHEREAS, Edward R. Murrow graduated from Washington State College in 1930, was employed by Columbia Broadcasting Company in 1935 as director of talks and education, and later became a pioneer radio and television journalist who was respected for his honesty and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Edward R. Murrow flew 25 missions in World War II, despite the opposition of top executives of the Columbia Broadcasting System in New York, who regarded him as too valuable to be so regularly risked; and

WHEREAS, Edward R. Murrow’s career with the Columbia Broadcasting Company spanned 25 years and ended in 1961 when President Kennedy named him head of the United States Information Agency; and

WHEREAS, Edward R. Murrow’s stamp was the first issued by the United States Postal Service to honor a broadcast journalist; and

WHEREAS, Edward R. Murrow received many other honors and tributes, including being named by Queen Elizabeth II as an Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire; and

WHEREAS, Edward R. Murrow, whose independence and incisive reporting brought heightened journalistic stature to radio and television, died in April 1965 after battling cancer; and

WHEREAS, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Edward R. Murrow for the contributions he made to Guilford County, North Carolina, the United States and the world.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the section of N.C. 62 from Hunt Road to the Deep River Bridge in Guilford County, as the **Edward R. Murrow Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fourth day of August 2011 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation
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