

## RESOLUTION FOR HENRY E. FRYE

**WHEREAS**, during the Regular Meeting of April 4, 2017, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners received a request from the Mineral Spring Improvement Council to name the bridge on Green Lake Road that crosses over I-73/74 in honor of Chief Justice Henry E. Frye; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1968, Henry E. Frye became the first African American elected to the North Carolina General Assembly in the twentieth century; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 3, 1983, Henry E. Frye was sworn in as the first African American on the North Carolina Supreme Court; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, Henry E. Frye was named Chief of Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court by Governor Hunt, another first for an African-American; and

**WHEREAS**, Henry E. Frye retired as Chief Justice in 2000 having served on the state's top tribunal for more than 17 years; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been the policy of the Board of Commissioners to submit all local requests for naming of roads and bridges to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for considerations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Transportation is the authorizing state agency charged with the responsibility for assigning road and bridge names in the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richmond County Board of Commissioners submits the request made by the Mineral Springs Improvement Council to name the bridge on Green Lake Road over I-73/74 in honor of Chief Justice Henry E. Frye.

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

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge on Green Lake Road over I-73/74 as the *Henry E. Frye Bridge*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the 3rd day of August 2017 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation