

RESOLUTION FOR "J. PAUL HARRIS, SR. BRIDGE"

WHEREAS, James Paul Harris, Sr., was born October 25, 1895 in Buncombe County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, he served his country for four years in the Navy during World War I; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Postal Service as mail carrier for Ridgecrest in 1916 and continued this service for the next 45 years, missing only two days of work; and

WHEREAS, he owned and operated Harris's Grocery, which housed the mail service for 60 years; and

WHEREAS, during the toughest days of the depression he made sure the people of Ridgecrest were getting food and the basic necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, he personally delivered prescriptions to the elderly during the trying days of the depression; and

WHEREAS, he sponsored little league baseball, basketball and football, often transporting the young people of the community to the games in his automobile, when he was the only person in the community who owned an automobile; and

WHEREAS, he served the people of Ridgecrest in a spirit of compassion and concern; and

WHEREAS, the life and contributions of James Paul Harris, Sr. are still remembered by those whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners feel it is appropriate to honor him.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the bridge on Dunsmore Avenue in Ridgecrest be named the "J. Paul Harris, Sr. Bridge."
2. That the Department of Transportation erect appropriate signs for such designation.

This the 13th day of November, 1987