

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling began serving as a trooper with the North Carolina Highway Patrol in Wilkesboro in Wilkes County, North Carolina in May 1985; and

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling served as President and Chaplain of the Wilkes County Law Enforcement Association for several years; and

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling was an ordained minister who was actively involved in his church and community; and

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling was a leading citizen, an outstanding law enforcement officer and was always dedicated to the welfare of the citizens of Wilkes County and was sincerely committed to the fundamental principles of good government; and

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling was killed while performing his duties as a State Highway Patrol Trooper in July 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkesboro Town Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation honor W.J. "Joey" Starling by naming the bridge on U.S. 421 over N.C. 268 in the Town of Wilkesboro in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge on U.S. 421 over N.C. 268 in Wilkesboro the **Trooper W.J. Starling Memorial Bridge** for his outstanding service and his ultimate sacrifice to the citizens of Wilkesboro, Wilkes County and the State of North Carolina.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the June day of third 2004 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

APPROVAL - RESOLUTION FOR JACK H. LUCAS

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

Board Member Myers abstained from voting on the entire agenda.

WHEREAS, Jack H. Lucas was born in Plymouth, North Carolina on February 4, 1928, and entered military service during World War II at Norfolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Jack H. Lucas was a Private First Class serving in the United States Marine Corps during the battle for Iwo Jima Island in the Pacific; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 1945, just 16 days after his 17th birthday, Jack H. Lucas and three other Marines were creeping through a treacherous, twisting ravine near an uncertain front line when they were suddenly and savagely ambushed by a hostile Japanese patrol with rifle fire and grenades; and

WHEREAS, when two grenades landed directly in front of them, Jack H. Lucas acted quickly to protect the lives of the small group by unhesitatingly hurling himself over his comrades landing on one grenade and then pulling the other grenade under him. He absorbed the whole blasting forces of the explosions in his own body (which he survived) in order to shield his companions from the concussion and murderous flying fragments; and

WHEREAS, by his inspiring act and valiant spirit of self-sacrifice, Jack H. Lucas not only protected his comrades from certain injury and possible death but also enabled them to rout the Japanese patrol and continue the advance; and

WHEREAS, Jack H. Lucas was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty;" and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Jack H. Lucas by naming a section of U.S. 64 in Washington County in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That, for his courage and devotion the North Carolina Board of Transportation names U.S. 64 from N.C. 45 just west of Pines Elementary School east of Plymouth to Newland Road (S.R. 1126) southeast of Roper in Washington County the **Jack H. Lucas Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the third day of June 2004 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

APPROVAL - RESOLUTION FOR COROLLA FERRY

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member White and seconded by Board Member Szlosberg to approve the following: Board Member Myers abstained from voting on the entire agenda.