

WHEREAS, Grover C. Robbins Jr. built N.C. 184 from Banner Elk, North Carolina to the crest of Beech Mountain and donated the highway to the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Grover C. Robbins Jr., as a youth, hooked rides on the Tweetsie Railroad, which ran past Blowing Rock on its way from Boone to Johnson City, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Grover C. Robbins Jr. purchased Tweetsie Number 12 locomotive after the East Tennessee and Western North Carolina Railroad Company ceased operation in 1950 and sold the locomotive to railroad enthusiasts in Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Grover C. Robbins Jr. brought the locomotive from Virginia back to the North Carolina mountains between Boone and Blowing Rock; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, the Tweetsie Number 12 made its inaugural run down a one-mile track to the picnic area and ushered in North Carolina's first theme park; and

WHEREAS, the Avery County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation honor Grover C. Robbins Jr.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates N.C. 184 from Banner Elk to the city limits of Beech Mountain as the **Grover Robbins Jr. Highway** for his dedication and service to the citizens of western North Carolina.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the thirteenth day of July 2006 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

Approval – Resolution for Jake Parris Jr.

Upon a recommendation of the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Burrell and seconded by Board Member Szlosberg to waive the 30 day waiting period and approve the following:

WHEREAS, Jake Parris Jr. was born in Jackson County, North Carolina on August 30, 1931, and grew up in the Willets Community; and

WHEREAS, Jake Parris Jr. graduated from Sylva High School and served as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Jake Parris Jr. owned and operated an auto repair shop in the Balsam community of Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Jake Parris Jr. was a public servant who cared deeply about the citizens of his community; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Jake Parris Jr. and a group of concerned citizens from the communities of Balsam, Willets and Ochre Hill met to discuss forming a new volunteer fire department; and

WHEREAS, Jake Parris Jr. donated the land to build the first Balsam, Willets and Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department and spent the rest of his life serving his community; and

WHEREAS, Jake Parris Jr. served as chief of the Balsam, Willets and Ochre Hill Volunteer Fire Department for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation honor Jackson County's life-long resident and dedicated public servant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the bridge over Dark Ridge Road on U.S. 23/74 in the Willets Community of Jackson County as the **Jake Parris Jr. Bridge** for his outstanding service to the citizens of his community and county.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the thirteenth day of July 2006 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman,
North Carolina Board of Transportation