

**Approval – Resolution for Leo Mercer**

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

**WHEREAS**, Leo Mercer was born in Chadbourn in Columbus County on March 20, 1926; and

**WHEREAS**, Leo Mercer graduated from Chadbourn High School in 1943 and served in the United States Navy during World War II; and

**WHEREAS**, Leo Mercer was a postmaster of the United States Post Office, being named North Carolina Postmaster of the Year in 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, Leo Mercer represented Columbus County in the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1989 to 1992; and

**WHEREAS**, Leo Mercer served in the Eastern North Carolina Office of Governor James B. Hunt Jr. from 1994 to 1998; and

**WHEREAS**, Leo Mercer has served as Mayor of Chadbourn from 1969 to 1971, from 1975 to 1982 and from 1999 to present; and

**WHEREAS**, the Columbus County Board of Commissioners and the Chadbourn Town Council requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Leo Mercer; and

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

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates U.S. 410 from U.S. 74 to Rough and Ready Road in Columbus County as the **Leo Mercer Highway** for his outstanding public service and dedication to the citizens of Chadbourn, Columbus County, North Carolina and the United States of America.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of September 2005 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation

**Approval – Resolution for Jerry K. Best**

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

**WHEREAS**, Jerry K. Best was born on November 15, 1953 to Daisy and Paul Best; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry K. Best graduated from Goldsboro High School and Wilson Technical Community College with a degree in Police Science; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry K. Best began working in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department on August 16, 1977 as a Court Bailiff; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry K. Best later became a Patrol Deputy and advanced to Shift Sergeant and Supervisor of Patrol Deputies; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry K. Best was a Drug and Alcohol Investigator from 1985 to 1994; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry K. Best became a Lead Investigator in the Wayne County Sheriff's Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Jerry K. Best was tragically struck and killed by a motor vehicle on November 13, 2002 as he removed a deer carcass from the roadway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, the Wayne County Planning Board, the Goldsboro City Council and more than 1,300 citizens requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Captain Jerry K. Best.

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

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the bridge on new U.S. 117 over U.S. 70 as the **Jerry K. Best Bridge** for his loyalty, dedication and service to the citizens of his community, Wayne County and the State of North Carolina.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of September 2005 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation

**Approval – Resolution for “Motor Vessel (MV) Hatteras”**

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

**WHEREAS**, the transportation of vehicles and passengers by ferry has long been a part of North Carolina's transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, the use of ferries has been critical to the residents and visitors to Dare County and Hatteras Island who wish to visit Ocracoke Island in Hyde County; and

**WHEREAS**, ferries have previously been named after Ocracoke Island and other islands on the North Carolina coast; and