

RESOLUTION FOR JIM “CATFISH” HUNTER

WHEREAS, James Augustus Hunter, known nationally as Jim “Catfish” Hunter, was born in Perquimans County on August 8, 1946, attended public school in Perquimans County, and played baseball for Perquimans County High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Jim “Catfish” Hunter upon graduation from Perquimans County High School, was drafted by the Kansas City Athletics, later to become the Oakland “A’s”, to begin his professional baseball career in the American Baseball League; and

WHEREAS, Jim “Catfish” Hunter was an Outstanding Pitcher for the Kansas City Athletics, the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees, winning 224 games which includes a perfect game on May 8, 1968 against the Minnesota Twins while playing for the Oakland Athletics and winning five world series games for the Oakland Athletics and the New York Yankees; and

WHEREAS, Jim “Catfish” Hunter was the 1974 recipient of the Cy Young Award and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York on January 14, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Jim “Catfish” Hunter has been a good neighbor, a friend and significant inspiration for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, Jim “Catfish” Hunter, Jimmy, was always a favorite native son of Perquimans County until his death on September 9, 1999 from ALS; and

WHEREAS, the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners and the Hertford Town Council desire to honor his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation remove the current designation from the bridge on Center Hill Highway (SR1110) to the bridge on the US 17 Bypass over Perquimans River in Perquimans County, naming it as the ***Jim “Catfish” Hunter Bridge***.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the ninth day of July 2015 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation