

Approval – Resolution for Minnie Payne

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee a motion was made by Board Member Dunn and seconded by Board Member Burrell to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Minnie Payne was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on April 11, 1921; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Payne graduated from Atkins High School, Winston-Salem State Teachers University and did graduate work at the Atlanta School of Social Work in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Payne began her career with the City of Thomasville as Program Director for the Parks and Recreation Department in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Payne was responsible for organizing many programs within the Parks and Recreation Department for children and senior citizens. She was instrumental in getting Thomasville to hold an annual craft fair in 1976 and organized a girl's clogging team that performed at the Knoxville World's Fair in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Payne was an inspiring role model whose generosity, compassion and unconditional love gave children the strength and encouragement to reach their fullest potential and make their own contributions to their families, community and country; and

WHEREAS, the Thomasville City Council requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor the city's long-time Parks and Recreation Program Director.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge carrying Peace Street over railroad tracks of Norfolk Southern Railroad in Thomasville the ***Minnie Payne Bridge*** for her devotion to the citizens of Thomasville and for improving the quality of life of all those around her

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fifth day of February 2004 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.