

Approval – Resolution for Nathan B. Henry

Upon a recommendation by the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Kernea, seconded by Board Member Szlosberg-Landis, to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Nathan B. Henry is a native and lifelong resident of Macon County, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Nathan B. Henry, a Vietnam Veteran, was the sole survivor from Headquarters Platoon in a battle on July 12, 1967 in Ia Drang Valley, Pleiku Province, Republic of Vietnam and he was captured by the NVA, and subsequently remained a prisoner of war (POW) for almost six years; and

WHEREAS, after his release he returned home to the Burningtown Community of his native Macon County, where he graduated from Haywood Community College with a degree in horticulture and continued to serve his community in various volunteer capacities including being an original member of the Burningtown Volunteer Fire Department, where he was instrumental in securing a donation of land for the construction of the present fire department, and as a charter member, serving two terms as President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Macon County Vietnam Veterans Chapter 994; and

WHEREAS, Nathan B. Henry has been recognized for his outstanding service and bravery to the United States of America by being awarded two Silver Stars, two bronze Stars, and two Purple Hearts with Oak Leaf Clusters along with numerous other medals for valor; and

WHEREAS, the Macon County Board of Commissioners and the Franklin Town Board desire to honor Nathan B. Henry for his community service and lifetime achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the bridge located in Franklin, Macon County, at the intersection of Highway 441 South Business and Highway 64 East as the ***Nathan B. Henry Bridge***.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the ninth day of August 2012 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation