

RESOLUTION FOR THE NEUSE RIVER BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Neuse River has played a vital role in the history of Craven County and New Bern, the site of North Carolina's first state capitol; and

WHEREAS, the Neuse River has been and remains an essential route for commerce and a valuable resource in the area's economy; and

WHEREAS, drawbridges have spanned the Neuse River between New Bern and Bridgeton since 1898; and

WHEREAS, construction started in November 1995 on a high-rise bridge over the Neuse River to allow marine vessels to pass under U.S. 17/N.C. 55; and

WHEREAS, the Craven County Board of Commissioners, the New Bern Board of Aldermen, the Bridgeton Board of Commissioners and the Craven/Pamlico Transportation Committee all endorsed naming the new bridge after the Neuse River.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The North Carolina Board of Transportation name the new high-rise bridge on U.S. 17/N.C. 55 over the Neuse River between New Bern and Bridgeton *The Neuse River Bridge* in recognition of the river's contribution to the area's history and to the role it continues to play in the economy of the area.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of August 1999, by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Secretary of Transportation