RESOLUTION FOR OFFICER OWEN MESSERSMITH

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation has allowed bridges throughout North Carolina to be named after fallen law enforcement officers as a fitting and proper way to honor them; and

WHEREAS, it has been recognized that Officer Owen Messersmith gave his life in the line of duty while protecting and serving the citizens of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Officer Owen Messersmith was killed on May 31, 1979 while answering a call for assistance during a domestic disturbance call; and

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners desires to dedicate a bridge in honor of Officer Messersmith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names Bridge 2213, which is on U.S.74, in Rutherford County as the *Officer Owen Messersmith Bridge*.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the ninth day of January 2014 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Chairman

Secretary of Transportation