RESOLUTION FOR PAUL OSCAR COOPER

WHEREAS, the late Paul Oscar Cooper was born in Surry County on April 12, 1923; and

WHEREAS, Paul Oscar Cooper moved with his family to Moore County when he was five years old and graduated from Vass/Lakeview High School in 1939; and

WHEREAS, Paul Oscar Cooper married Mozelle Darnell in 1942 and moved with his wife and family to Wilkes County in 1949; and

WHEREAS, Paul Oscar Cooper was a farmer in the Pleasant Hill Community and lived in that community until his death in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Paul Oscar Cooper was a deacon and Sunday school teacher at the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church for 50 years. He served as Chairman of the Building Committee for the new education building, chairman of the deacons and as a church trustee; and

WHEREAS, Paul Oscar Cooper was a member of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners for two terms and served for more than 20 years on the Wilkes County Farm Services Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Surry County Board of Commissioners and Elkin Town Board of Commissioners request that the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Paul Oscar Cooper.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge on Pleasant Hill Road (S.R. 1150) over N.C. 268 in Surry County the *Paul Oscar Cooper Memorial Bridge* for his service to his community and state.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the ninth day of January 2003 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Secretary of Transportation