Approval – Resolution for R. Kelly Bryant Jr.

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

Whereas, R. Kelly Bryant Jr. made his home in Durham where he established himself as a leader in the community; and

Whereas, R. Kelly Bryant Jr. joined Mutual Savings and Loan as an accountant and continued his career with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, serving as corporate secretary and manager of the Conservation Department; and

Whereas, R. Kelly Bryant Jr. took a strong stand for civil rights in Durham where he was an officer of the Black Solidarity Committee in the 1960s, leading the fight against segregation and discrimination in employment, public housing and education; and

Whereas, R. Kelly Bryant Jr. was a charter member of the Durham Human Relations Commission; chaired the Education Committee, and received a citation for serving the longest term of anyone on the Commission; and

Whereas, R. Kelly Bryant Jr. served as a trustee at the White Rock Baptist Church for 55 years; served as Scoutmaster for Troop 187 at Burton School; member of the Durham Urban Trails and Greenways Commission serving as its president and also as active member of both the Triangle Land Conservancy and the Eno River Association; and

Whereas, the Durham City Council requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor R. Kelly Bryant Jr. for his many contributions to the community.

NOW, THERREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Shif a. Collies M. Chairman

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the pedestrian bridge over N.C. 147 in Durham County, as the *R. Kelly Bryant Jr. Bridge*.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of April 2010 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Secretary of Transportation