RESOLUTION FOR
RICHARD SHELTRA

WHEREAS, Richard Sheltra served the Pineville Volunteer Fire Department for three years in Pineville, NC with diligence, dedication and honor; and

WHEREAS, Sheltra was killed in the line of duty from smoke inhalation while actively fighting a three-alarm fire at a retail golf shop located on Pineville-Matthews Road in Mecklenburg County on April 30, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Sheltra was just 20 years old at the time of his death and had just been named "Rookie of the Year" in 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his three years as a volunteer firefighter at the Pineville Volunteer Fire Department, he touched the lives of many through his strong community involvement, dedication to his work and desire to help others; and

WHEREAS, even as a young boy, his passion for helping others quickly made it clear he was destined for a career in public service; and

WHEREAS, as he grew into a young man he was drawn to the brotherhood of firefighters which was a reflection of his own strong sense of family; and

WHEREAS, Sheltra was the first loss of a volunteer firefighter in Mecklenburg County since 2002 and is survived by his mother, father and sister; and

WHEREAS, the actions of this young hero, his dedication to his work and his passion to help others are all fitting reasons for the request to memorialize him; and

WHEREAS, the Pineville Town Council fully supports this effort and respectfully requested that the North Carolina Board of Transportation strongly consider naming the bridge over Little Sugar Creek on South Polk Street in Pineville in the memory and honor of fallen Volunteer Firefighter Richard Sheltra.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge over Little Sugar Creek on South Polk Street in Pineville as the *Richard Sheltra Bridge*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 5th day of October 2017 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

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Chairman

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Secretary of Transportation