

RESOLUTION FOR ROSCOE WILLIAM HALL

WHEREAS, Roscoe William Hall was born on July 7, 1949 in the community of Texana, near Murphy, North Carolina. As a young boy growing up in the predominately black community, Mr. Hall spent a lot of time with his grandfather who was the Deacon at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Texana. Through his grandfather and mother the church became an important part of Mr. Hall's life; and

WHEREAS, during a time of segregation, Mr. Hall attended the Texana Elementary School but entered Murphy High School when it became integrated in 1968, where he played football and met his future wife, Mary Colbert. Mr. Hall graduated from Murphy High School in 1968; and

WHEREAS, for a short time in 1968, Mr. Hall attended Tri-County Community College before entering the United States Army where he served in Germany and received an honorable discharge in 1971. He then returned to Murphy and began working at the Cherokee Hills Golf Course before being employed by Levi Strauss Company where he worked for 23 years. When the Levi Strass Murphy Plant closed in 1998, Mr. Hall became a self-employed painter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall served as the Texana Community Center Club President for over 7 years and as its Vice President for 2 years. He also served on the Board of REACH, which provides a refuge for battered and abused women, and also on the Board of REEP, which seeks to improve the black communities in Murphy, Marble and Andrews; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall's true vocation was as a Christian, and as a member of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church he served as its Deacon for 35 years, and at various times served in many other positions. He also became the Musical Director for the eight churches in the Waynesville Missionary Baptist Association and served as the President of its Layman's League; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hall held no exalted office or position in government or business, but through his ability to communicate and through his singing, and because of his innate goodness which was so readily apparent, he influenced untold numbers in the Murphy and Cherokee County communities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Murphy and Cherokee County request to name Bridge #140 in memory of Roscoe William Hall.

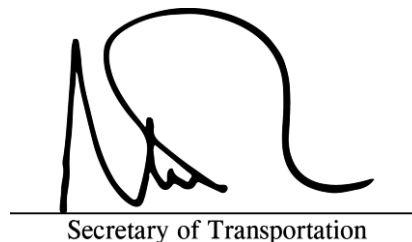
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names Bridge #140 at the lower end of the Town of Murphy and crossing the Valley River as the *Roscoe W. Hall Bridge*.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the third day of September 2015 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation