

RESOLUTION FOR ROZZELLE'S FERRY BRIDGES

WHEREAS, the area in Mecklenburg County where North Carolina Highway 16 crosses the Catawba River has been known as Rozzelle's Ferry since Richard Rozzelle of Lincoln County began operating a plantation and a ferry on land he bought in 1816; and

WHEREAS, the first bridge was built across the River at Rozzelle's Ferry in 1851 when the Western Plank Road was chartered. The covered bridge was partially destroyed by the Rozzelle family to prevent Union troops from crossing into Mecklenburg County and marching to Charlotte; and

WHEREAS, the family again operated a ferry along the river until about 1869 when the State of North Carolina built a one-lane steel bridge over the river; and

WHEREAS, approximately 875 people in communities on either side of the Catawba River near the old Rozzelle's Ferry have signed petitions requesting the North Carolina Highway 16 bridges over the Catawba River be named the Rozzelle's Ferry Bridges; and

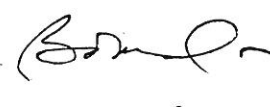
WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners voted in October 1998, to request the N.C. Board of Transportation name the bridges in honor of the Rozzelle family.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the bridges over the Catawba River on N.C. 16 the *Rozzelle's Ferry Bridges* to honor the Rozzelle family and their contribution to the area's rich history.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fourth day of March 1999, by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Approved by  3/5/99


Secretary of Transportation