

Approval – Resolution for the Late Sgt. Charles Thomas Parker

Upon a recommendation from the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Kindley and seconded by Board Member McRae to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas Parker was reared in the Jackson Creek community of Randolph County on a dirt lane now named Parker's Mill Road; and

WHEREAS, his grandfather, Victor Parker, ran the grist mill and general store located next to the bridge where Jackson Creek Road crossed the Uwharrie River; and

WHEREAS, this mill and store, along with the one-lane concrete bridge, was a landmark and community gathering place where Charles Thomas Parker spent much of his youth until his graduation from Farmer High School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas Parker was described as one of the best athletes to attend Farmer High School. As co-captain, he lead the basketball team to the Randolph County Conference Championship and the District 5 Class A Championship; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas Parker was an outstanding member of the 4H Club on the local and state level; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas Parker answered the call to serve his country and entered the United States Army on April 24, 1967; and

WHEREAS, Charles Thomas Parker reached the rank of Sergeant before being killed by enemy fire in the Binh Duong Province of South Vietnam on February 2, 1968; and

WHEREAS, the Randolph County Board of Commissioners requested the N.C. Department of Transportation honor Sgt. Charles Thomas Parker for his courage and devotion to duty while serving his country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the new bridge over the Uwharrie River on Jackson Creek Road in Randolph County the **Sgt. Charles Thomas Parker Memorial Bridge** his dedication to his community, for giving his life for his country, sate and community

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the seventh day of August 2003 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.



Secretary of Transportation

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman,
North Carolina Board of Transportation

Attest: _____
Secretary to the Board of Transportation

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2003