

**Approval – Resolution for Sheriff Jerry V. Beach**

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

**Whereas**, Jerry V. Beach served his country with dignity and valor with the United States Army Field Artillery during the Korean War, receiving the Purple Heart medal; and

**Whereas**, Jerry Beach served his community as county coroner for several years and as a law enforcement officer for nearly 34 years serving as both Chief Deputy within the Martin County Sheriff’s Department and as the Sheriff of Martin County; and

**Whereas**, on October 12, 1992, Sheriff Jerry Beach met his untimely death at the age of 57 as he was shot and killed in the line of duty while answering a call for service during a bank robbery and offered himself as a hostage in lieu of the hostages being held; and

**Whereas**, the Martin County Board of Commissioners has previously expressed appreciation to Sheriff Beach’s family for his exemplary service and his sacrifice for the residents of Martin County.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the U.S. Highway 64 Bridge that passes over U.S. Highway 17, as the **Sheriff Jerry Beach Bridge**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the second day of February 2012 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation