

RESOLUTION FOR SMITHERMAN'S MILL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, in 1903, Montgomery County industrialists Samuel Jones Smitherman built a dam across the Little River near a log bridge connecting the communities of Troy and Candor; and

WHEREAS, the dam provided the power needed to grind small grains into a coarse flour; and

WHEREAS, the bridge provided access for the residents of Candor to get to the mill; and

WHEREAS, the old bridge was washed out many times until a new bridge with elevated ramps was built; and

WHEREAS, a new concrete-and-steel bridge spanning the Little River just south of the dam and old bridge ramps has recently been completed; and

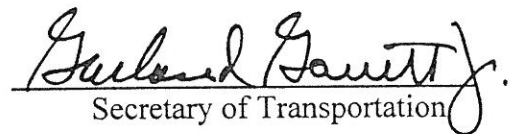
WHEREAS, the Montgomery County Commissioners asked the North Carolina Department of Transportation to honor Samuel Jones Smitherman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the bridge over the Little River on the Troy-Candor Road the *Smitherman's Mill Bridge* to honor Samuel Jones Smitherman and his contributions to the area.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the eleventh day of July 1997, by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation