

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Cox was a member and delegate to the Southern Albemarle Association advocating for improved highways between county seats of government and other area highway improvements; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Cox was the first promoter of a highway being constructed between Tyrrell and Hyde counties and worked to get it completed in a timely manner when many people thought it to be an impossible task; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Cox was a Columbia businessman and keeper of the Laurel Point Lighthouse for several years, as well as one of the founders of the Columbia Christian Church; and

WHEREAS, Benjamin F. Cox died on June 15, 1945 and buried in Columbia's Oakwood Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Columbia and the Tyrrell County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Benjamin F. Cox for his selfless service and contributions to the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates N.C. 94 from the Hyde County line to S.R. 1322 near the community of Kilkenny in Tyrrell County, as the **Benjamin F. Cox Highway**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fourth day of March 2010 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

Approval – Resolution for Steven Boehm and Gene Thomas

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

WHEREAS, Steven Boehm and Gene Thomas lost their lives in the line of duty on June 14, 2008 in a traffic accident, which occurred on U.S.17 in Onslow County; and

WHEREAS, Steven Boehm and Gene Thomas were inspirational leaders in their community and families, and posthumously been honored with the Military Order of the Purple Heart; the Jacksonville Chapter 642 First Responders Program award to honor public safety personnel for sacrifice and service for the betterment of the community and the establishment of a scholarship program at White Oak High School funded by proceeds from a now annual motorcycle ride for the community to remember and reflect on the sacrifice of the fallen officers.

WHEREAS, Steven Boehm was a 10-year employee of the Onslow County Sheriff's Department and was assigned as a school resource officer at White Oak High School where he graduated; and

WHEREAS, Steven Boehm was recognized as a distinguished law enforcement officer and an individual who worked with young people encouraging them to follow their dreams and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thomas was a 33-year volunteer and Assistant Fire Chief with the Verona Volunteer Fire Department where the tradition of a volunteer began with his parents and continues to this day with other family members; and

WHEREAS, Gene Thomas had been honored by fellow firefighters for his dedication to his volunteer vocation and commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Onslow County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor the memory of two public servants, Steven Boehm and Gene Thomas, as a constant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice they made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the bridge on U.S. 17 located 1.7 miles north from U.S. 210 and U.S. 17 intersection in Onslow County, as the ***Steven Boehm and Gene Thomas Bridge***.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the fourth day of March 2010 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

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The two items I have raised about on two prior occasions are a more efficient organizational and procedural operation for the Board and meetings from time to time outside of Raleigh. All of you seen to support these ideas.

It makes no practical sense to convene on Wednesday morning and adjourn at 2:00 and not reconvene until the next morning for an hour or so and leave town. For those from out of town particularly it is an undue and unfair waste of time and expense. The procedure of going through the agenda review the day before the formal board meeting of information that has been sent to us several days before and then going through it again at the board meeting is a