

**Approval – Resolution for Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr.**

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

**WHEREAS**, Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr. was born on January 10, 1984 in Swain County; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr. was a graduate of Smoky Mountain High School; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr. began serving the North Carolina State Highway Patrol on May 11, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr. was assigned to Waynesville in Haywood County where he was the first member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians to serve as a Trooper; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr. married Michaela Layman of Canton in August 2007, and they were blessed with a son on May 31, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr. was killed in the line of duty on June 17, 2008 in Haywood County near Exit 31 on Interstate 40; and

**WHEREAS**, the Haywood County Board of Commissioners and the Town of Canton requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr. for his meritorious service and dedication to the community and the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the bridge at Exit 31 on Interstate 40 in Haywood County, as the ***Trooper David Shawn Blanton Jr. Bridge***.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of April 2010 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation