RESOLUTION FOR TROOPER GENE DEMUTH

WHEREAS, Trooper Bobby Gene DeMuth, Jr. served the North Carolina Highway Patrol for 12 years and was assigned to the Rocky Mount Troop C District 1 Office and he also served his country as a United States Marine from 1988 to 1992; and

WHEREAS, Trooper DeMuth began his law enforcement career in 1994 as a deputy with the Wilson County Sheriff's Office until moving over to the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Office and he also served as an officer with the North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles Enforcement Section before he joined the North Carolina Highway Patrol in Nash County where he served with diligence and honor; and

WHEREAS, Trooper DeMuth was struck and killed on September 8, 2012 on U.S. 64 in Nash County near Spring Hope while attempting to deploy spike strips during pursuit of a felony suspect from Wake County who was wanted on multiple charges; and

WHEREAS, Trooper DeMuth was 42 years old at the time of his death and was the 62nd North Carolina State Patrolman killed in the line of duty and the second Highway Patrolman killed in the line of duty in Nash County; and

WHEREAS, the actions, life and career of Trooper DeMuth serve as a worthy example for all citizens of Nash County and a fitting memorial to his memory is well deserved; and

WHEREAS, the Nash County Board of Commissioners requests to name the bridge over Red Oak Road at U.S. 64 in Nash County in honor of Trooper Gene DeMuth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge over Red Oak Road (S.R. 1003) at U.S. 64 in Nash County as the Trooper Gene DeMuth Bridge.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the second day of June 2016 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

Med Curran Chairman

Secretary of Transportation