

Approval – Resolution for Trooper Joseph Robert Davis

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

WHEREAS, Trooper Joseph Robert Davis was born in Webster, North Carolina on December 23, 1926, and grew up in the Webster Community of Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joseph Robert Davis graduated from Webster High School and enrolled in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill -- an education that was interrupted by the call to serve his country in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joseph Robert Davis served as a Seaman First Class (Aviation Machinist's Mate) in the Pacific Theater and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joseph Robert Davis pre-empted his plans to continue his education to serve the public as a member of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joseph Robert Davis graduated from Patrol School and served with distinction as a trooper; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joseph Robert Davis, while stationed in Andrews, North Carolina, was killed in the line of duty on May 3, 1948, in a plane crash; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Joseph Robert Davis had a deep and abiding love for the mountains and the Webster Community; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners and the Webster Town Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the bridge over the Tuckasegee River on N.C. 116 in Webster in honor of Joseph Robert Davis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge over the Tuckasegee River on N.C. 116 in Webster the *Trooper Joseph Robert Davis Memorial Bridge* as a tribute to his dedication to the citizens of his community, state and nation.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the first day of May 2003 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Secretary of Transportation