

Approval – Resolution for Trooper Robert R. East

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

WHEREAS, Robert “Bob” East was killed in the line of duty on December 21, 1972, in an automobile accident while pursuing a speeding driver; and

WHEREAS, Robert “Bob” East joined the North Carolina State Highway Patrol in 1947 in an effort to better his life and fulfill his hopes and dreams serving in Wake County for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Robert “Bob” East received many commendations during his tenure with the North Carolina Highway Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Robert “Bob” East was in charge of security at the Governor’s Mansion during Governor Bob Scott’s term; and

WHEREAS, Robert “Bob” East served honorably in the United States Army during World War II from 1944 to 1946; and

WHEREAS, Robert “Bob” East was a native of Surry County and is survived by his widow Ruby Simmons East Nall of Raleigh, son Thomas Charles East of Haymarket, Virginia and daughter Shirley East Matheny of Wake Forest; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners, Town of Wake Forest and the City of Raleigh requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor Robert “Bob” East as a constant reminder of the ultimate sacrifice he made in order to ensure a better quality of life for the citizens of Wake County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates Bridge #305 on U.S. 1 North over the Neuse River in Wake County as the **Trooper Robert R. East Bridge**.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of December 2007 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.