

Board Member Myers abstained from voting on the entire agenda.

WHEREAS, John Matt Mitchell was born in Mayodan in Rockingham County, North Carolina, in 1897 and devoted his entire life to his family, community and nation; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from service with the United States Army in France during World War I, John Matt Mitchell married Minnie Lee Wilson and established a home for his family in Mayodan where they lived for fifty-five years; and

WHEREAS, in 1928, John Matt Mitchell founded a grading and hauling business that in the mid-1930s began selling sand from the river below the Mayo River Bridge, a business his family continues to operate today; and

WHEREAS, John Matt Mitchell served on the Board of Directors of Southern National Bank in Mayodan, was a charter member of M&M Saddle Club, attended Cedar Grove Primitive Baptist Church and provided transportation to the elderly who could not otherwise attend church; and

WHEREAS, John Matt Mitchell was a well-loved and respected member of his community, who died in 1977 at the age of 80 and whose family continues to operate the business he founded near the Mayo River Bridge, a location that will forever be associated with his name; and

WHEREAS, the Rockingham County Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor John Matt Mitchell for his hard work and perseverance in establishing an enterprise, which has continued for more than 75 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge on U.S. 220 Business between Mayodan and Stoneville in Rockingham County the ***John M. Mitchell Memorial Bridge*** for his devotion to family, community and nation.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the third day of June 2004 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

APPROVAL - RESOLUTION FOR TROOPER W.J. STARLING MEMORIAL BRIDGE

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

Board Member Myers abstained from voting on the entire agenda.

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling began serving as a trooper with the North Carolina Highway Patrol in Wilkesboro in Wilkes County, North Carolina in May 1985; and

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling served as President and Chaplain of the Wilkes County Law Enforcement Association for several years; and

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling was an ordained minister who was actively involved in his church and community; and

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling was a leading citizen, an outstanding law enforcement officer and was always dedicated to the welfare of the citizens of Wilkes County and was sincerely committed to the fundamental principles of good government; and

WHEREAS, W.J. "Joey" Starling was killed while performing his duties as a State Highway Patrol Trooper in July 1998; and

WHEREAS, the Wilkesboro Town Board of Commissioners requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation honor W.J. "Joey" Starling by naming the bridge on U.S. 421 over N.C. 268 in the Town of Wilkesboro in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the bridge on U.S. 421 over N.C. 268 in Wilkesboro the **Trooper W.J. Starling Memorial Bridge** for his outstanding service and his ultimate sacrifice to the citizens of Wilkesboro, Wilkes County and the State of North Carolina.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the June day of third 2004 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation

APPROVAL - RESOLUTION FOR JACK H. LUCAS

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

Board Member Myers abstained from voting on the entire agenda.

WHEREAS, Jack H. Lucas was born in Plymouth, North Carolina on February 4, 1928, and entered military service during World War II at Norfolk, Virginia; and