

RESOLUTION FOR WILBER E. RABON

WHEREAS, there are many sons of Brunswick, but those who have made the road better for others are not as many, and those who have made Brunswick a better place to live, work or grow are even fewer; and

WHEREAS, there was one son, Wilber Earl Rabon, who truly loved Brunswick County, and fought for it nearly his whole life, even while he was in school, graduating from Bolivia High School, and furthering his education at North Carolina State University, and although he was employed at Federal Paper Company in Riegelwood, he served with distinction on the Brunswick County Board of Education, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, the Southeastern Area Mental Health Board, the Southeastern Economic Development Commission, the North Carolina Highway Commission, and the North Carolina Department of Transportation Board, and represented the interests of Brunswick County citizens well and effectively in all of those tenures, and he also served on the Board of Directors of Security Savings Bank for many years, and he was an honored recipient of the Order of the Long Leaf Pine; and

WHEREAS, service was a recurring theme in his life, he also sought to promote community and peer support, having been a member of the Orient Masonic Lodge 395 for 47 years, having been an active member of the Sudan Temple of New Bern, and a charter member of the Brunswick County Shrine Club; and

WHEREAS, his service obligations was a part of his fabric, having maintained and strengthened a marriage to Doris Anderson Rabon, his high school sweetheart, for sixty-two years, proving to his neighbors and community the blessings of remaining steadfast, constant and true; and

WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Commissioners wish to honor the memory of this native son by naming a bridge for him in the County he loved so well.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation name the bridge at the junction of I-140 and US 17 in Winnabow, as the ***Wilber E. Rabon Bridge***.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the sixth day of February 2014 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation