

Approval – Resolution for William D. Robbins Sr.

Upon a recommendation of the Road Naming Committee, a motion was made by Board Member Wilson, seconded by Board Member Campbell, and the vote was unanimous to approve the following:

WHEREAS, William D. Robbins Sr. was born in 1921 in Raleigh and moved with his family to Pender County in 1925 where he graduated from Burgaw High School in 1938, and then graduated from North Carolina State University in 1942; and

WHEREAS, William D. Robbins Sr. proudly served in the U.S. Army during World War II and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He was twice a prisoner of war and earned the Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman’s Badge, three Purple Hearts and two Battle Stars. After his discharge in 1946, he joined the Army Reserve and remained active until 1964 where he earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel commanding a Combat Engineer Battalion; and

WHEREAS, William D. Robbins Sr. was a charter member of the American Legion Post 165 in Burgaw in 1946 where he was elected to a number of leadership positions, including National Executive Committeeman, member of the Legion’s National Insurance Committee and member of the National Americanism Commission and National Security Commission; was appointed as the Chairman of the American Legion National Law and Order Committee for two years, and appointed by Governor Dan Moore to the North Carolina Veteran’s Commission where he later served as Chairman under Governor Jim Hunt; and

WHEREAS, William D. Robbins Sr. was active in community and civic affairs, including 25 years on the Pender County Board of Education; more than 50 years as a Ruritan; and more than 50 years as a Mason and as a Shriner; and serving as charter member of Pender County Rescue Squad and charter member of the Penderlea Fire Department. He was also active in the Episcopal Church serving as Sunday School teacher, Superintendent and also a member of the Vestry at Saint Mary’s of Burgaw; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Burgaw requested the North Carolina Department of Transportation honor William D. Robbins Sr. for his accomplishments and contributions to his community and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation dedicates the portion of Penderlea Highway within the town limits of Burgaw in Pender County as the ***W. Dudley Robbins Highway***.

That appropriate signs be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted, this the second day of October 2008 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.