

RESOLUTION FOR KATIE AND KARO EDMONDSON BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Katie Edmondson and her husband, Linwood "Karo" Edmondson, were farmers and operated a general store on N.C. 42 east of the Tar River in the Old Sparta community of Edgecombe County; and

WHEREAS, the Edmondsons managed their general store in a way that exemplified the community spirit that is the backbone of rural communities across North Carolina and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Edmondson's store provided their community with much-needed merchandise and supplies as well as a central meeting place for social gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Edmondsons were farmers and served farmers and other residents in the community by providing a local source of fuel, food and other necessities; and

WHEREAS, the Edmondson's store essentially served as a bank, a grocery store, a news outlet, and a fellowship hall for the Old Sparta community; and

WHEREAS, the Edmondson's generosity and service to the community has been recognized by Governor James B. Hunt and many other local leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners does hereby support the naming of Bridge #28 on N.C. Highway 42 in honor of Katie and Karo Edmondson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names Bridge #28 on N.C. 42 East over the Tar River as the *Katie and Karo Edmondson Bridge*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 5th day of December 2019 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

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Secretary of Transportation