

RESOLUTION FOR DR. ANDREW A. BEST BRIDGE

WHEREAS, Dr. Andrew A. Best was a pioneering figure, along with Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, in shaping North Carolina higher education during the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Best was the first African-American physician in the City of Greenville and practiced from 1954 until 2004. He was committed to his patients, as well as his community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Best was the first African-American member of the East Carolina University Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, one of the first African-Americans to serve on the University of North Carolina Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, was a founding member of the Pitt County Interracial Committee, now called the Greenville Human Relations Council; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Best played an important role in establishing East Carolina University's medical school and expanding opportunity to all North Carolina citizens by helping to integrate the University; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Greenville expresses its support for naming the newly constructed 10th Street Connector Bridge in honor of Dr. Andrew A. Best to recognize the many contributions that he made to East Carolina University, the City of Greenville, and Eastern North Carolina; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the 10th Street Connector bridge over Dickinson Avenue in Pitt County as the *Dr Andrew A Best Bridge*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 8th day of August 2019 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation