

# RESOLUTION FOR FIRST LIEUTENANT GEORGE HAMPTON YARBOROUGH JR HIGHWAY

**WHEREAS**, the Person County Board of County Commissioners hereby acknowledges and supports a request to dedicate a section of Mt. Harmony Church Road in Person County for a World War I veteran, First Lieutenant George Hampton Yarborough, Jr.; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lieutenant Yarborough, Jr. was born Oct. 14, 1895 in Roxboro; his parents moved from Person County to Mullins, S.C. in 1896; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lieutenant Yarborough, Jr. graduated from The Citadel in 1916 and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant into the U.S. Marine Corps. After training at Paris Island, S.C., he was assigned to the marine barracks at Philadelphia, Pa., and was sent to St. Nazaire, France on June 27, 1917. He served two tours, first at Cosno, France between Dec. 8, 1917 and Jan. 4, 1918 and then at Gondrecourt, France between Feb. 22, 1918 and April 29, 1918; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lieutenant Yarborough, Jr. arrived on the front lines at the height of the battle of Belleau Wood on June 23, 1918; the next day, the enemy skillfully placed machine guns and his platoon was pinned down. First Lieutenant Yarborough, Jr. was severely wounded by enemy machine gun fire but refused medical attention until others in his unit were treated. He died of wounds on June 26, 1918; and

**WHEREAS**, First Lieutenant Yarborough, Jr. was awarded posthumously the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross and the Silver Star for his bravery. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, announced that the torpedo boat destroyer No. 314 was named in honor of First Lieutenant George Hampton Yarborough, Jr. in 1919; and

**WHEREAS**, the Person County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina Board of Transportation name a section of the Mt. Harmony Church Road starting at U.S. 158 and ending at Allen Creek Road for First Lieutenant George Hampton Yarborough Jr.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names the section of Mt. Harmony Church Road from U.S. 158 to Allen Creek Road in Person County as the *Lt George H Yarborough Jr Highway*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation