

# RESOLUTION FOR REVEREND FRED B LUNSFORD BRIDGE

**WHEREAS**, Fred Bruner Lunsford was born in Cherokee County, North Carolina, on March 7, 1925 and was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and American Legion, N.C. Youngdeer Post 143; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunsford is a decorated US Army World War II veteran, faithfully serving his country from 1943-1945 during the Normandy Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, and the Liberation of France; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunsford has also served in the ministry of Christ as a Baptist preacher and evangelist for more than 70 years leading four churches and serving as Director of Missions of the Truett Baptist Association from 1964-1990; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunsford, through the Truett Baptist Association, established several programs; including, special services to citizens with "special needs," the Campground Ministry, and local seminary classes and was instrumental in the development of the Truett Baptist Camp for the youth of Western North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunsford was instrumental in the establishment of the Broyhill Children's Home and Truett Children's Home in Western North Carolina and was a philanthropist; supporting Murphy Medical Center, N.C. Baptist Children's Home, Mars Hill University, and the Truett Baptist Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunsford has received many local and state awards, including a lifetime service award from the Southern Baptist Convention Seminary Extension Ministry, the North Carolina Baptist Convention's Baptist Heritage Award and the North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine Society Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Lunsford served on the Murphy Medical Center Board of Development for seven years, and served on the Murphy Medical Center Foundation Board for one year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners request that the North Carolina Department of Transportation name a bridge in honor of Fred Bruner Lunsford for his service in the ministry of Christ, his service to our country, and his service to the families, children and communities of Western North Carolina.

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

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names bridge #5 on NC Highway 141 in Marble as the *Reverend Fred B Lunsford Bridge*.

That appropriate signs will be erected at a suitable time.

Adopted this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020 by the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary of Transportation