

RESOLUTION FOR SHERIFF DONALD BANKS HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, Donald Banks was born on June 6, 1916 to Tarp and Bertha Banks in the Prices Creek area of Yancey County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks was first elected sheriff of Yancey County in 1938 at the age of 22 and served until 1942; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks went on to faithfully serve the citizens of Yancey County as sheriff for two additional terms, from 1958-1962 and from 1966 until his death on Sept. 19, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks served a single term in the North Carolina Senate from 1950-1952, representing District 30, which then consisted of Avery, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey counties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks was an active member of Cane River Baptist Church and numerous civic organizations in Yancey County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks was a prominent businessman, employing many local men in his lumber operations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Banks was a pillar of the Yancey County community, representing the ideals and values that citizens of Yancey County hold true; and

WHEREAS, the Yancey County Board of Commissioners does hereby request the North Carolina Board of Transportation to name a section of U.S. 19 East from Cane River School Road to West Yancey Fire Department in honor of Sheriff Donald Banks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the North Carolina Board of Transportation names U.S. 19 East from Cane River School Road to West Yancey Fire Department as the *Sheriff Donald Banks Highway*.

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.


Chairman


Secretary of Transportation