



RESOLUTION

**Requesting the North Carolina Department of Transportation name
Bridge #28, located in Whittier, North Carolina,
the “Arthur Wade Bridge”
in his honor by designation and erection of signage**

WHEREAS, Arthur Wade was born in Browning, Montana in 1947 and moved to Whittier, North Carolina in 1950 and attended Whittier Elementary School and Swain County High School, graduating in 1965; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Wade faithfully served his country in the United States Army, 9th Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam and was awarded three Purple Hearts for injuries obtained during combat, received the National Defense Service Medal as well as a Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Wade began employment with the Soil and Water Conservation for Jackson and Swain County in 1972, in which he was employed for 34 years; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Wade was a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Wade loved to help people and exemplified that by going on mission trips to Honduras, Romania and all over the United States, building churches, and helping those in need as well as attending to the missions work within his community by repairing churches free of charge, visiting the sick and elderly, transporting many people to the doctor, especially those battling cancer, transporting people to work during the winter, he also scrapped their roads so they could get out; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Wade was a Boy Scout leader, who taught the boys how to work the land, to do good deeds and about God; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Wade was a dedicated member of his church where he sang in the choir, was a group leader for the boys, taught Bible School, helped with the Christmas Programs and picked up many people to bring them to church on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Arthur Wade helped layout the farm land for Darnell Farms, Shelton Farms and Cochran Farms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims and honors Arthur Wade, for his bravery, fortitude and service to the United States of America and Jackson County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby respectfully requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation to dedicate the bridge located in Whittier, North Carolina #28 in honor and in memory of Arthur Wade by erecting the appropriate signage designating this honor.

ADOPTED by the Jackson County Board of Commissioners on the 18th day of February, 2025.

Attest:

Approved:

Angela M. Winchester, Clerk to Board

Mark A. Letson, Chairman