



**JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF NAMING JACKSON COUNTY BRIDGE NO. 27
“THE WADE AND BECKY WILSON BRIDGE”**

WHEREAS, Mr. Walter Wade Wilson (Wade) was born in Jackson County on October 18, 1926 and died on February 7, 2015, as a lifelong resident of Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade Wilson joined the United States Navy upon graduating from Sylva High School and honorably served our country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Becky Wilson, was born Rebecca Susan Cannon (Becky) in Jackson County on January 13, 1924 and died on August 30, 2002, as a lifelong resident of Dillsboro and Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade Wilson and Ms. Becky Wilson were married on October 6, 1948; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade Wilson, prior to becoming Mayor, served as Alderman for the Town of Dillsboro from May 4, 1971 until becoming Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade Wilson, after being elected by write-in ballot, was sworn into office as Mayor of Dillsboro on January 5, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade Wilson served twenty-five years as Mayor of Dillsboro until December 3, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wade Wilson worked diligently to advance business and tourism development within Dillsboro during his tenure as Alderman and Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Becky Wilson was instrumental in preserving the history of traditional Appalachian crafting in Dillsboro; and

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2021, the Dillsboro Board of Alderman adopted a Resolution that requested the North Carolina Board of Transportation honor the service of Mr. Wade Wilson to the Town of Dillsboro and honor the contributions of Ms. Becky Wilson to the Town of Dillsboro by naming Jackson County Bridge Number 27 over Scotts Creek and Southern Railroad on US Highway 23 Business “The Wade and Becky Wilson Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina Board of Transportation honor the service of Mr. Wade Wilson to the County of Jackson and honor the contributions of Ms. Becky Wilson to the County of Jackson by naming Jackson County Bridge Number 27 over Scotts Creek and Southern Railroad on US Highway 23 Business “The Wade and Becky Wilson Bridge”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Jackson County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that Jackson County Bridge Number 27 over Scotts Creek and Southern Railroad on US Highway 23 Business “The Wade and Becky Wilson Bridge”.

Adopted the 3rd day of May, 2022.

JACKSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: _____
BRIAN THOMAS MCMAHAN, Chairman

Attest:

ANGELA M. WINCHESTER, Clerk to the Board