

RESOLUTION # _____

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION TO
DEDICATE THE SMOKY PARK BRIDGE IN MEMORY OF
CAPTAIN JEFF BOWEN**

WHEREAS, Captain Jeffrey Scott Bowen, a 13 year veteran of the Asheville Fire Department, died on July 28, 2011 while responding to a four-alarm fire at an office building located at 445 Biltmore Avenue in the City of Asheville; and

WHEREAS, Captain Jeffrey Scott Bowen was first assigned as a firefighter to Engineer Company 1, then promoted to Fire Engineer of Engine Company 7, then promoted to Lieutenant and then, most recently as Captain of Rescue Company 3; and

WHEREAS, Captain Bowen was the coordinator of the rescue boat for the Asheville Police Department's Back to Basics Program which serves the youth of the community; and

WHEREAS, Captain Bowen was a member of the Asheville Fire Department Promotional Criteria Committee and received a bachelor's degree in 2010 in Fire Safety and Management; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Captain Jeff Bowen brought honor to the City of Asheville and Buncombe County and had his life tragically cut short in the line of duty leaving behind family, friends and co-workers; and

WHEREAS, this Board has received requests from the NC State Fire Marshall, Asheville Fire Department, Buncombe County Fire Fighters Association and Buncombe County Fire Chief's Association to have Captain Bowen's dedication and sacrifice memorialized by having the Smoky Park Bridge named in his honor. They have chosen this bridge due to its proximity to Captain Bowen's Fire Station.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. That this Board does hereby request the North Carolina Board of Transportation to dedicate the Smoky Park Bridge in memory of Captain Jeffrey Scott Bowen.
2. That this resolution be approved upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of January, 2011.

ATTEST

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
THE COUNTY OF BUNCOMBE

KATHY HUGHES, CLERK

DAVID GANTT, CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM

MICHAEL FRUE, COUNTY ATTORNEY