**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON EL BETHEL ROAD OVER THICKETTY CREEK IN CHEROKEE COUNTY AS THE “COLONEL JAMES STEEN MEMORIAL BRIDGE” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE BRIDGE THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “COLONEL JAMES STEEN MEMORIAL BRIDGE”.

Whereas, Colonel James Steen of Cherokee County was a prominent militia officer in the American Revolution; and

Whereas, Colonel Steen served from 1775 to 1781 in the Snow Campaign, Commanding Prince’s Fort, serving in Georgia, then at Stono, Savannah, Charleston, The Battle of Rocky Mount, The Battle of Hanging Rock, The Battle of Musgrove’s Mill, The Battle of King’s Mountain, and the Battle of   
Cowpens; and

Whereas, in the summer of 1781, while endeavoring to arrest a Tory in Rowan County, North Carolina, Colonel Steen was stabbed and survived only a week; and

Whereas, Colonel Steen and his brother John Steen held land grants along Thicketty Creek and had a family plantation and family cemetery near Thicketty Creek on El Bethel Road in Cherokee County. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the bridge located on El Bethel Road over Thicketty Creek in Cherokee County as the “Colonel James Steen Memorial Bridge” and erect appropriate markers or signs at the bridge that contain the words “Colonel James Steen Memorial Bridge”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and to the Cherokee Historical and Preservation Society, Inc.

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