RESOLUTION DEDICATING THE BRIDGE AT LOWER HARDIN CREEK TO BE NAMED THE "RUFUS EDMISTEN BRIDGE"

Whereas, Rufus Edmisten is a native of Boone and Watauga County, whose family land is now host to the portion of the Greenway that this bridge and the Lower Hardin Creek are located; and

Whereas, Rufus has served his State and Country in many ways, working alongside Senator Sam Ervin, serving as North Carolina's 46th Attorney General, 21st Secretary of State, Democratic Nominee for Governor, and a multitude of other civic and non-profit roles and capacities; and

Whereas, Rufus has been instrumental in the advocacy, crafting, and adoption of policies that have benefitted our Nation, on issues spanning civil rights, environmental causes, the support of North Carolina businesses, education, and much more; and

Whereas, this bridge rests over a tributary of the New River, a river in which, as Attorney General, Rufus fought doggedly to ensure its protection and designation as a Wild and Scenic River, securing its health and protection for future generations; and

Whereas,many Boone residents know well Rufus Edmisten and his many accomplishments representing Boone and the Edmisten family; and

Whereas, as a sign of appreciation for his work, the generosity of his family, and their connection to the land, it is only fitting to honor him through the dedication of this beloved portion of our Town's Greenway;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Mayor of Boone officially declares this bridge, the "Rufus Edmisten Bridge," and directs staff to work to prepare for its official dedication, including Rufus and other organizations.

Adopted this on the 12th day of August 2026.

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Mayor Dalton George