



TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

Land Where Flight Began

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING *HERBERT C. BONNER*
BE RETAINED AS THE NAME OF THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF
THE FIRST BRIDGE ACROSS OREGON INLET**

WHEREAS, United States Congressman Herbert C. Bonner of the 1st District of the State of North Carolina, worked tirelessly in support of the establishment of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore, nearly 25,000 protected acres of scenic ocean beaches, and life-giving sounds, marshes and swamps, until the park was created in 1953; and

WHEREAS, construction of the first bridge across Oregon Inlet was completed in 1963, thus establishing ease of access and connecting Dare County's northern Outer Banks to the Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, the new Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and Dare County's southern Outer Banks, including the seven communities south of Oregon Inlet; and

WHEREAS, it was a testament to his vision for the future, and dedication in office that the first structural link across Oregon Inlet be named the *Herbert C. Bonner Bridge* in recognition of Congressman Bonner's efforts to set aside and protect for future generations the first seashore national park in the United States;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kill Devil Hills Board of Commissioners requests the North Carolina Department of Transportation request preservation of the accomplishments and legacy of Congressman *Herbert C. Bonner* by retaining his name on the portions of the original bridge across Oregon Inlet that are designated to remain in place after the new bridge opens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request support of this resolution by the Dare County local governments, our citizens and businesses.

This 1st day of February 2019.



Sheila F. Davies, Ph.D.

Mayor

Town of Kill Devil Hills

ATTEST:

Mary E. Quidley
Town Clerk