

SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION 2003- 85

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION NAME STATE
HIGHWAY BRIDGE NO. 8366 ON NM 106 IN SANTA FE
COUNTY THE "FREDDIE I. BRANCH BRIDGE."**

Whereas, Freddie I. Branch, born on October 2, 1947, was the only son of Annie V. Branch and the late Isidore Branch and brother to Lorraine Branch Sockol; and

Whereas, Freddie I. Branch assumed the responsibility of supporting his family upon the early death of his father; and

Whereas, he grew up in Sombrillo and attended Holy Cross School and graduated from St. Michael's High School in 1965; and

Whereas, upon graduation he voluntarily enlisted with the United States Marine Corps, completed his advanced training and became a member of the First Engineer Battalion at the height of the Vietnam War as a Lance Corporal; and

Whereas, on the night of May 17, 1966 Lance Corporal Freddie I. Branch was killed by enemy mortar fire; and

Whereas, Freddie I. Branch was Sombrillo's first casualty of the Vietnam War; and

Whereas, for his unselfish bravery he was awarded the Purple Heart, the Military Medal of Honor, the Gallantry Cross with Palm and received three posthumous decorations from the Government of South Vietnam; and

Whereas, the people of the communities of Sombrillo and Santa Cruz have petitioned a memorial in honor of Freddie I. Branch;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SANTA FE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

That it supports the petition of the communities of Sombrillo and Santa Cruz;

That it requests the New Mexico Transportation Commission name the existing Highway Bridge No. 8366 on NM 106 which is in Santa Fe County over the Santa Cruz River the "Freddie I. Branch Bridge;" and

That it commits to install and maintain appropriate signs in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices at no cost to the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department.

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED this 24th day of June, 2003

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Jack Sullivan
Jack Sullivan, Chairman



Rebecca Bustamante
Rebecca Bustamante, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mónica Ontiveros
County Attorney

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE } ss
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS INSTRUMENT WAS FILED
FOR RECORD ON THE 24 DAY OF June A.D.
20 03 AT 10:37 O'CLOCK 2 M.
AND WAS DULY RECORDED IN BOOK 2563
PAGE 207-208 OF THE RECORDS OF
SANTA FE COUNTY

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE
REBECCA BUSTAMANTE
COUNTY CLERK, SANTA FE COUNTY, N.M.
Marcella Salazar
DEPUTY