



# Town of Knightdale

## Staff Report

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Title: Resolution Supporting the  
Renaming of Knightdale Boulevard  
Bridge in Honor of Officer Ryan  
Andrew Hayworth

Staff: Police Chief Lawrence Capps

Date: August 17, 2022

Director Signature: LC

Town Manager Signature: WRS

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### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Officer Ryan Andrew Hayworth succumbed to injuries sustained from a vehicular assault during the early morning hours of Sunday, October 17, 2021. Officer Hayworth was on duty and faithfully serving the citizens of Knightdale at the time of his death. Ryan was a graduate of East Wake Academy, Class of 2016. He joined the NC Army National Guard in 2019 and was actively serving as a Specialist at the time of his death. Ryan served in Kuwait during Operation Enduring Freedom and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. Ryan was also activated with the Guard during Hurricane Florence. Ryan began his career in law enforcement with the Knightdale Police Department in July 2021. His smile, compassion, and eagerness were all part of his powerful personality. Although his service with the Knightdale Police Department was brief, Ryan made a lasting impact on the lives of his fellow officers, other department members, and the community.

### SUMMARY

- In the months since his death, the Town of Knightdale has sought meaningful ways to honor Ryan's legacy and sacrifice. The N.C. Department of Transportation affords local municipalities the opportunity to recognize heroes like Ryan through the agency's [Highway & Bridge Memorial Program](#). Though the application process is straightforward, NCDOT requires unanimous support from local governing boards in the form of a resolution. As such, the Police Department petitions the Knightdale Town Council to lend their support to this project, and to authorize Chief Capps to submit the NCDOT application requesting the Knightdale Boulevard Bridge to be named in Ryan's honor.

### RECOMMENDED ACTION

- Adopt the Resolution Supporting the Renaming of Knightdale Boulevard Bridge in Honor of Officer Ryan Andrew Hayworth