

Officer Mia Goodwin Memorial Bridge

WHEREAS, Charlotte's first responders work day and night to keep the city safe and their service and willingness to work under difficult and extreme conditions is an inspiration to us all.

WHEREAS, Officer Mia Goodwin was born in Passaic, New Jersey, attended St. Mary's High School and received a Bachelor of Science from High Point University. Officer Goodwin was a six-year veteran of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and was devoted to the city, her fellow officers and her family, including her husband, Brenton, a Charlotte firefighter, and three children.

WHEREAS, Officer Goodwin served Charlotte and the police department with dignity, honor and joy and stood as a nightly guardian of the city and influenced many lives with her kindness and professionalism.

WHEREAS, Officer Goodwin tragically lost her life while on duty on December 21, 2021 in an early morning accident involving two semi-trucks on Interstate 85. Officer Goodwin was assisting North Carolina Highway Patrol officers with traffic from an earlier semi-truck crash when the collision sent the trucks into police vehicles. She was 33 years old and had just returned to service days earlier from maternity leave.

WHEREAS, Officer Goodwin is the first female officer in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's history to be killed in the line of duty. Her life and sacrifice inspired residents of the Charlotte region to show their love and support for her and her family and her memorial service was attended by hundreds of people throughout the Charlotte community and by law enforcement personnel from across the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is adopted by the Charlotte City Council in acknowledgement of the importance and value of Officer Goodwin's service to Charlotte and in support of the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the designation of the bridge located at the intersection of W.T. Harris and Interstate 85 in the State of North Carolina of the National System for Interstate and Defense Highways as the "Officer Mia Goodwin Memorial Bridge."