

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO NAME THE OPAL BYPASS IN HONOR OF WILLIAM SIDNEY SHACKLETTE

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of February, 2013 the Board of Supervisors, at the request of the Fauquier County Veterans' Council, agreed to petition the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for permission to name all bridges spanning primary and secondary roads after military veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Fauquier County Veterans' Council has requested that the Board of Supervisors now petition VDOT to name the Opal Bypass the "William Sidney Shacklette" Bypass in honor of William Sidney Shacklette; and

WHEREAS, William Sidney Shacklette was born May 18, 1880 in Delaplane, Virginia and was 22 years old when he joined the United States Navy. He enlisted for four years as Hospital Apprentice First Class at the U.S. Naval Rendezvous at the Washington Navy Yard in Washington, D.C. He served on two other ships before being transferred to the gunboat USS Bennington (PG-4). He was stationed aboard the USS Bennington as a hospital steward when, on July 21, 1905, one of the USS Bennington's boilers exploded while it was in San Diego, California. Although he suffered severe third degree burns over much of his body in the explosion, he assisted other wounded as much as he could and was credited with saving the lives of many of his fellow sailors. For his actions, he received the Medal of Honor on January 5, 1906. Due to his injuries, he was honorably discharged from the Navy on Oct. 23, 1906. After recovering from his wounds he completed seminary school and returned to active duty in the United States Army during World War I as a chaplain. He remained on active duty through the war and once it was over, continued as a minister, which eventually led to his nomination to be the Chaplain of the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shacklette died Feb. 12, 1945 and was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. His grave can be found in section 10, Lot 10688; and

WHEREAS, Shacklette Hall, a barracks located at Portsmouth Naval Medical Center was named for Mr. Shacklette on June 13, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shacklette lived his life in support of his Country; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to memorialize the life and sacrifice of Mr. Shacklette; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, this 12th day of September 2013 That the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors does hereby petition the Commonwealth Transportation Board to name the Opal Bypass the "William Sidney Shacklette" Bypass.