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Agenda item #1

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 18, 2017

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Fralin, Seconded By: Mr. Rosen
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: “Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry Memorial Bridge”
Commemorative Naming of the bridge on US Route 58, over Big Reed Island Creek,
Carroll County

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors wants to memorialize the service and sacrifice of Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board, to memorialize the life and sacrifice of Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry, name the bridge on US Route 58, over Big Reed Island Creek, Carroll County as the “Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry Memorial Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County has agreed to reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby names the bridge on US Route 58, over Big Reed Island Creek, Carroll County as the “Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry Memorial Bridge”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to fabricate and erect appropriate signs and to invoice Carroll County for the costs related to this commemorative naming.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on US Route 58, over Big Reed Island Creek, Carroll County.

Facts: On April 22, 1974, Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry was shot and killed in the line of duty during a traffic stop while trying to apprehend a burglary suspect. He had served with the Carroll County Sheriff’s Department for one and a half years and is survived by his wife and two children. He is buried at Maple Shade Cemetery in Carroll County, Virginia.

On October 17, 2016, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors, wishing to commemorate the brave service and sacrifice of Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry, passed a resolution requesting the bridge located on US Route 58, over Big Reed Island Creek, be named the “Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry Memorial Bridge”.

Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming the bridge. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge located on US Route 58, over Big Reed Island Creek, will be known and signed as the “Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry Memorial Bridge”.

In accordance with law, the County will reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs and VDOT will invoice accordingly.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.



RESOLUTION

Title: Naming the bridge on U.S. Route 58 over Big Reed Island Creek in Carroll County as the "Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry was shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Mabry had asked the owner of a drive-in off U.S. 58 in Laurel Fork to lookout for two men, wanted for burglary in Wythe County, who were traveling in separate vehicles. The restaurant owner called and said the men had bought some food and were eating in the parking lot. Deputy Mabry arrived and watched the men until they left. He got in his car and followed the men on 58. One eluded him, but he pulled over a man from Martinsville about 2 miles up the road from the restaurant;

WHEREAS, A passerby said he saw a man get out of his car and walk up to Deputy Mabry's car while the deputy was still inside. The driver thought he saw him shoot the deputy. He turned around and went back to see if Deputy Mabry was okay, but he had been shot twice in the head at close range and was slumped behind the steering wheel;

WHEREAS, The suspect was later arrested during a traffic stop near Martinsville. He was found guilty of second-degree murder after trial in August, 1974 and sentenced to 15 years in prison;

WHEREAS, Deputy Mabry had served with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office for 1.5 years and is survived by his wife and two children. He is buried at Maple Shade Cemetery in Carroll County, Virginia;

WHEREAS, the Carroll County Sheriff Department has agreed to pay the cost and expense incident to the placement of appropriate markers;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby declare that the bridge on U.S. Route 58 over Big Reed Island Creek in Carroll County be named the Deputy Sheriff Emery Mabry Memorial Bridge;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriate markers, as directed by the Department be placed calling attention to this designation.



BOS, Chairman

10-17-16

Date

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