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Agenda item #7

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

December 11, 2019

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Whitworth, Seconded By: Mr. Kasprowicz
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: "Sedwick Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, the Page County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor and memorialize the lives and sacrifices of the Sedwick family. Elmer Nathan Sedwick and his brother Richard P. Sedwick served in the United States Army. Their brother Julian R. Sedwick served in the United States Navy and the fourth brother, James G. Sedwick, served in the United States Marines. All four men served during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Elmer Sedwick was the recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals. Mr. Sedwick made the ultimate sacrifice for his country when he was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Richard Sedwick donated the soil for footers at the western end of this bridge replacing the low water bridge over the Shenandoah River. He also donated the land located on the west side of the Shenandoah River adjacent to the bridge for use as a boat landing by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Additionally, the Richard and Ann Sedwick Family Trust contributed to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the road improvement project on Serenity Ridge Road near this bridge; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Page County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated September 3, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the Sedwick family, name the bridge on Route 675, Bixler's Ferry Road, over the south fork of the Shenandoah River, Page County as the "Sedwick Memorial Bridge"; and

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WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named; and

WHEREAS, by resolution, Page County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 675, Bixler's Ferry Road, over the south fork of the Shenandoah River, Page County as the "Sedwick Memorial Bridge"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Page County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: "Sedwick Memorial Bridge"

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 675, Bixler's Ferry Road, over the south fork of the Shenandoah River, Page County as the "Sedwick Memorial Bridge".

Facts: Page County enacted a resolution on September 3, 2019 to honor and memorialize the lives and sacrifices of the Sedwick family. Elmer N. Sedwick, Richard P. Sedwick, Julian R. Sedwick and James G. Sedwick are four brothers who served in various branches of the United States Armed Forces.

Elmer Sedwick was the recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals. Mr. Sedwick made the ultimate sacrifice for his country when he was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1969, Richard Sedwick donated the soil for footers at the western end of this bridge replacing the low water bridge over the Shenandoah River. He also donated the land located on the west side of the Shenandoah River adjacent to the bridge for use as a boat landing by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Additionally, the Richard and Ann Sedwick Family Trust contributed to the Virginia Department of Transportation for the road improvement project on Serenity Ridge Road near this 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 a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board's consideration.

Result if Approved: The bridge on Route 675, Bixler's Ferry Road, over the south fork of the Shenandoah River, Page County will be named as the "Sedwick Memorial Bridge". In accordance with law and by local resolution, Page County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve, Deny, or Defer.

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



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RESOLUTION FOR BRIDGE NAMING

Naming of the bridge on Route 675, Bixler's Ferry Road, from the bridge, known as Bixler's Ferry Bridge, which crosses the South Fork of the Shenandoah River to the intersection of Bixler's Ferry Road, and Route 684, Page Valley Road at the foot of the Massanutten Mountain west of Luray in Page County as the "Sedwick Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, Elmer Nathan Sedwick (U. S. Army), Julian R. Sedwick (U. S. Navy), Richard P. Sedwick (U. S. Army), and James G. Sedwick (U. S. Marines) are all brothers who served in the military in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Elmer Nathan Sedwick was the recipient of the Silver Star & Purple Heart medals and was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, in 1969, Richard P. "Rick" Sedwick donated the soil for footers at the western end of this bridge replacing the low water bridge over the Shenandoah River; and

WHEREAS, Richard P. "Rick" Sedwick donated the land located on the west side of the Shenandoah River adjacent to the bridge for use as a boat landing by the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries; and

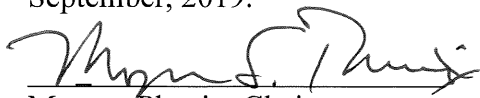
WHEREAS, the Richard & Ann Sedwick Family Trust contributed to Virginia Department of Transportation for the road improvement project on Serenity Ridge Road near the bridge; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to memorialize the service and sacrifices of the Sedwick family.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Page County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 675, Bixler's Ferry Road, from the bridge, known as Bixler's Ferry Bridge, which crosses the South Fork of the Shenandoah River to the intersection of Bixler's Ferry Road, and Route 684, Page Valley Road at the foot of the Massanutten Mountain west of Luray in Page County as the "Sedwick Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Page County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

This Resolution was adopted by the Page County Board of Supervisors on this 3rd day of September, 2019.


Morgan Phenix, Chairman


Amity Moler, Clerk



Virginia Department of Transportation
Maintenance Division
CTB MEETING: December 11, 2019

Page County

Proposed Bridge Naming:
"Sedwick Memorial Bridge"