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Agenda item #6

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 17, 2019

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Dodson, Seconded By: Ms. Hynes
Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: "Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, the Halifax County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the life, commitment and selfless public service of Herman O. Lewis, Sr. who served his country in World War II in the 636th Army Quartermaster Company and was decorated with the American Service Medal, the Bronze Service Star, the Philippine Liberation Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal WWII (Germany and Japan). He was also a member of the American Legion Post, Woodman of the World and a life-time member of the Oak Level Volunteer Fire Department. For 73 years he and his family owned the farm surrounding this bridge and he received the Farm Bureau Clean Water Award and the Governor's Model Clean Water Farm Award while operating the dairy farm and raising crops of tobacco, corn, wheat and soy beans; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Halifax County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated June 3, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and contributions of Herman O. Lewis, Sr., name the bridge on Route 683, Oak Level Road, over Boelte Creek (a Birch Creek tributary), Halifax County as the "Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Memorial Bridge"; and

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

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WHEREAS, by resolution, Halifax 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 683, Oak Level Road, over Boelte Creek (a Birch Creek tributary), Halifax County as the "Herman O. Lewis, Sr. 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 Halifax County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 683, Oak Level Road, over Boelte Creek (a Birch Creek tributary), Halifax County as the “Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Memorial Bridge”.

Facts: Halifax County enacted a resolution on June 3, 2019 memorializing the life, service and dedication of its native son Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Based on that resolution, Mr. Lewis and his family owned the farm surrounding the bridge for 73 years. He was a decorated World War II veteran who served in the 636th Army Quartermaster Company where he received the American Service Medal, the Bronze Service Star, the Philippine Liberation Medal, the WWII Victory Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal WWII (Germany and Japan).

Mr. Lewis also received the Farm Bureau Clean Water Award and the Governor’s Model Clean Water Farm Award while operating his dairy farm and raising crops of tobacco, corn, wheat and soy beans. He was active in the American Legion Post, Woodman of the World and was a life-time member of the Oak Level Volunteer Fire Department.

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 683, Oak Level Road, over Boelte Creek (a Birch Creek tributary), Halifax County will be named as the “Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Memorial Bridge”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Halifax 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

Title: Bridge Naming on Route 683, "Oak Level Road", over "Boelte Creek" in "Halifax County" as the "Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, Mr. Herman O. Lewis, Sr., and his family, for 73 years has owned the farm surrounding the bridge, and

WHEREAS, Herman O. Lewis, Sr. received the Farm Bureau Clean Water Award and the Governor's Model Clean Water Farm Award (1989) while operating the farm as a dairy, and raising crops of tobacco, corn, wheat, and soy beans, and

WHEREAS, Herman O. Lewis, Sr. served his Country in World War II in the 636th Army Quartermaster Company where he received the following medals: American Service Medal, Bronze Service Star, Philippine Liberation Medal, WWII Victory Medal, and Army of Occupation Medal WWII (Germany and Japan), and

WHEREAS, Herman O. Lewis, Sr., has been active in civic organizations such as the American Legion Post, Woodman of the World, and was a life-time member of the Oak Level Volunteer Fire Department, and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Halifax County, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 683, "Oak Level Road", over "Boelte Creek" in "Halifax County" as the "Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Memorial Bridge"; and

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



Board of Supervisors Chairman

June 3, 2019

Date

Halifax County

**Proposed Bridge Naming
“Herman O. Lewis, Sr. Memorial
Bridge”**

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Oak Level Rd.

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Boelte Creek



Virginia Department of Transportation
Maintenance Division

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Halifax County

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