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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda Item #1

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 19, 2021

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Dodson, Seconded By: Mr. Miller

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: “Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott Memorial Highway”

WHEREAS, Halifax County wishes to honor and memorialize the life and contributions of Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott to his community; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Halifax County has requested, by resolution dated January 4, 2021, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and contributions of Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott, name Route 603, Cody Road, from Route 647, Leda Grove Road north to Joel’s Lane, Halifax County as the “Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott Memorial Highway”; 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

WHEREAS, the Halifax County Board of Supervisors indicated in its January 4, 2021 resolution requesting this naming that Halifax County agrees 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 Route 603, Cody Road, from Route 647, Leda Grove Road north to Joel’s Lane, Halifax County as the “Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott Memorial Highway”; and

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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

Highway Naming: “Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott Memorial Highway”

Issue: Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the commemorative naming of Route 603, Cody Road, from the intersection of Route 647, Leda Grove Road, to Joel’s Lane in Halifax County as the “Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott Memorial Highway”, as requested by Halifax County.

Facts: The Halifax County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on January 4, 2021 memorializing the life, service and contributions of Mr. Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott. Based on that resolution, Mr. Abbott served 41 years on the Halifax County Board of Supervisors from January 1, 1968 until his death on July 14, 2008.

He was a faithful and active member of Republican Grove United Methodist Church and Woodmen of the Worlds. In addition, he was an avid baseball player and fan and was the first person inducted into the Halifax County Sports Hall of Fame. He was employed by Burlington Industries and was a retired tobacco farmer.

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

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia*, § 33.2-213, 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 CTB’s consideration.

Result if Approved: Route 603, Cody Road, from the intersection of Route 647, Leda Grove Road, to Joel’s Lane in Halifax County will be known as the “Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott Memorial Highway”, as requested by Halifax County. In accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Halifax County agrees, by resolution dated January 4, 2021, 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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2021-2 RESOLUTION

HIGHWAY NAMING OF ROUTE 603, CODY ROAD, FROM ROUTE 647
ACROSS LEDA GROVE ROAD NORTH TO JOEL’S LANE AND CODY ROAD,
IN HALIFAX COUNTY AS THE RICHARD E. “DICKIE” ABBOTT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

The Board of Supervisors of Halifax County, Virginia (the “Board”), at its regular meeting on the 4th day of January, 2021 adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Dickie Abbott faithfully served for 41 years on the Board of Supervisors, Halifax County representing District 1 from January 1, 1968 until his death of July 14, 2008.

WHEREAS, Dickie Abbott was a faithful active member of Republican Grove United Methodist Church and Woodmen of the World.

WHEREAS, Dickie Abbott was an avid baseball player and fan. He was the first person inducted into the Halifax County Sports Hall of Fame.

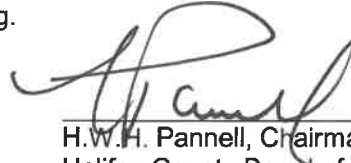
WHEREAS, Dickie Abbott was former employee of Burlington Industries and a retired tobacco farmer for many years.

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 Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the CTB name the highway on Route 603, Cody Road, from Route 647 across Leda Grove Road (sign placed on north lane) north little beyond Joel’s Lane (sign placed on south lane) in Halifax County as the Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott Memorial Highway.

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



H.W.H. Pannell, Chairman
Halifax County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Scott R. Simpson, P.E., Clerk
Halifax County Board of Supervisors

Halifax County




Maintenance Division

CTB Meeting May 19, 2021

Halifax County

Proposed Highway Segment Naming:

“Richard E. “Dickie” Abbott Memorial Highway”

 Proposed Highway Naming