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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 20, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Dodson **Seconded By:** Ms. Hynes
Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr. Memorial Bridge”

WHEREAS, the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors requested, by resolution passed May 17, 2022, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) name the bridge on U.S. Route 29 Business, Main Street, over U.S. Route 29, Hurt, Virginia, as the “Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr. Memorial Bridge”, to honor the life, service to his community and ultimate sacrifice of Virginia State Police Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that any naming for a state official, which includes a law enforcement officer employed by the Department of State Police or a state highway transportation worker, shall require a letter or resolution from the head of the state agency by which the state official was employed requesting such naming; and

WHEREAS, in accord with § 33.2-213, Colonel Gary T. Settle, Superintendent of the Department of State Police, has provided a letter, dated June 1, 2022, requesting this naming to commemorate the life of Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr.; 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

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that for any state highway, bridge, interchange or other transportation facility named after a state official killed during the performance of his official

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duties, the costs of producing, placing and maintaining those signs shall be paid from Commonwealth Transportation Funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on U.S. Route 29 Business, Main Street, over U.S. Route 29, Hurt, Virginia as the "Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming using Commonwealth Transportation Funds to cover the costs thereof as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr. Memorial Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on U.S. Route 29 Business, Main Street, over U.S. Route 29, Hurt, Virginia as the “Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr. Memorial Bridge”.

Facts:

Pittsylvania County enacted a resolution on May 17, 2022 to honor the life, contributions to his community and ultimate sacrifice of Virginia State Police Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr. who was killed in the line of duty on June 10, 1956 while honorably fulfilling his duties investigating a crash on U.S. Route 29.

Trooper Brooks was born in Charlottesville, Virginia and went on to serve in World War II in the United States Marine Corps and in the Korean War in the United States Army. He joined the Virginia State Police on May 19, 1953 and was stationed in Gretna, Virginia.

Pursuant to §33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, no name shall be given to any state highway, bridge, interchange, or other transportation facility by the Board unless and until the Board receives (i) for a naming after a state official, a letter or resolution from the head of the state agency by which the state official was employed requesting such naming or (ii) for a naming other than after a state official, a resolution from the governing body of the locality within which a portion of the facility to be named is located requesting such naming. Further, pursuant to this section, for a highway, bridge, interchange, or other transportation facility named after a state official killed during the performance of his official duties, the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining these signs shall be paid from Commonwealth Transportation Funds. For purposes of this section, "state official" includes law-enforcement officers employed by the Department of State Police and state highway transportation workers.

In accord with §33.2-213, Colonel Gary T. Settle, Superintendent of the Department of State Police, on June 1, 2022 submitted a letter in support of Pittsylvania County’s request and also requesting the CTB to approve the commemorative naming for Trooper Brooks.

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 U.S. Route 29 Business, Main Street, over U.S. Route 29, Hurt, Virginia will be known as the “Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr. Memorial Bridge”. By resolution, Pittsylvania County agreed to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming. However, in accordance with §33.2-213, for any state highway, bridge, interchange or other transportation facility named after a state official killed during the performance of his official duties, the costs of producing, placing and maintaining those signs shall be paid from Commonwealth Transportation Funds. Therefore,

notwithstanding Pittsylvania County's resolution, VDOT will utilize Commonwealth Transportation Funds to pay for 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.

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
RESOLUTION # 2022-05-04**

**SUPPORT FOR NAMING THE BUSINESS U.S. HIGHWAY 29 NORTH BRIDGE IN
HURT, VIRGINIA, THE “TROOPER HENRY MURRAY BROOKS, JR., MEMORIAL
BRIDGE”**

VIRGINIA: At the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors’ (“Board”) Business Meeting on May 17, 2022, the following Resolution was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to recognizing and celebrating the County’s historical heritage and contributions made thereto by its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr. (“Brooks”), was a Virginia State Trooper who was killed in the line of duty while serving County citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brooks was born in Charlottesville, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Brooks was a World War II Veteran, serving in the U.S. Marines, and he later served in the Korean War, while enlisted in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, he joined the Virginia State Police on May 19, 1953, and was assigned to the County and he was stationed in Gretna, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 1956, while investigating a crash on U.S. Highway 29, approximately three (3) miles south of Altavista, Virginia, a motorist struck a parked car and then hit Brooks, along with three (3) citizens; and

WHEREAS, Brooks was taken to Lynchburg General Hospital, where he died of his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Brooks was the 23rd Virginia State Trooper killed in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia State Police save countless lives by protecting County and Virginia citizens through rigorous law enforcement and patrolling of State and County roadways; and every day, they brave ever present danger to assist a stranded motorist, to investigate gun, drug, and human trafficking, to stop public corruption, to bring closure to devastated families, and to stop dangerous driving and dangerous individuals; and

WHEREAS, Brooks is an example of the dedication of the Virginia State Police, and it’s fitting that the Board remember his ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, 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 and

bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, the same Virginia Code Section further 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board fully and enthusiastically supports the naming of the Business U.S. Highway 29 North Bridge in Hurt, Virginia, the location of said bridge depicted in more detail on the map attached hereto and made a part fully hereof, as the “Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr., Memorial Bridge;” and

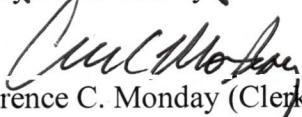
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Brooks family, appropriate local VDOT officials, and the CTB for consideration.


Given under my hand this 17th day of May, 2021.




William V. (“Vic”) Ingram (Chairman)
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors


Clarence C. Monday (Clerk)
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

Approved as to Form:


J. Vaden Hunt, Esq.
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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Colonel Gary T. Settle
Superintendent

DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Lt. Colonel Tracy S. Russillo
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June 1, 2022

The Honorable W. Sheppard Miller, III
Secretary of Transportation
Commonwealth Transportation Board Chairman
Virginia Department of Transportation
1401 E. Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Chairman Miller:

In accordance with §33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Virginia State Police respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board to grant approval for the Business U.S. Highway 29 North Bridge in the community of Hurt, Virginia to be named the *Trooper Henry Murray Brooks, Jr., Memorial Bridge*. This request is in support of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors Resolution #2022-05-04 that recommends the naming of this particular bridge due to Trooper Brooks being "...an example of the dedication of the Virginia State Police, and it's fitting that the Board remember his ultimate sacrifice;.." The Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the resolution during its meeting on May 17, 2022.

Trooper Brooks joined the Virginia Department of State Police on May 19, 1953, and was assigned to Pittsylvania County upon graduation from the Academy. On June 10, 1956, Trooper Brooks was investigating a vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 29 when he and three citizens were struck by a vehicle. Trooper Brooks succumbed to injuries sustained in the crash.

I appreciate the CTB's consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary T. Settle".

Superintendent

GTS/cng
Enclosure

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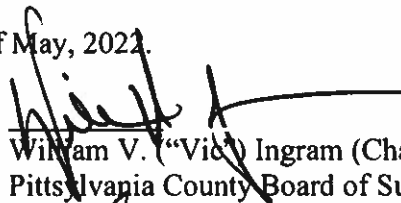
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