



## **Agenda Item VIII. E.**

**Meeting Date:** January 17, 2017

**Office:** County Attorney

**Issue:** **Naming of the Roger Lee Floyd Bridge**

**Board Action:** The Board is being asked to adopt Resolution 2017-0002-R.

**Attachment:** Resolution 2017-0002-R

**Summary:** A resolution, requesting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name a certain bridge near Pedlar Mills in Amherst County "The Roger Lee Floyd Bridge", in honor of a fallen son of Amherst County, and expressing the Board's commitment to supporting the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the sign bearing Private First Class Floyd's name, and to taking any other needed action in support of this petition to the Commonwealth.

**Recommendation:** That the Board adopt Resolution 2017-0002-R.



Amherst County Board of Supervisors  
County Resolution No. 2017-0002-R

For consideration on January 17, 2017

**A RESOLUTION, NO. 2017-0002-R**

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Approved as to form by the County Attorney

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:**

**I. That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby requests, pursuant to Virginia Code § 33.2-213, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge that connects Buffalo Springs and Wagon Trail Roads, near Pedlar Mills in Amherst County, "The Roger Lee Floyd Bridge", as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, Roger Lee Floyd is a true son of Amherst County, having been born and raised on his family farm at the upper end of Ashby Woods Road in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains; and

**WHEREAS**, Private First Class Roger Lee Floyd, First Infantry Division, fell in battle in Vietnam on November 12, 1965, while in the service of our Country as a member of the United States Army; and

**WHEREAS**, for his demonstrated heroism in ground combat on that day, PFC Floyd was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Infantry Division Cantigny War Memorial Museum of the First Division and the Society of the First Division awarded the Certificate of Recognition to PFC Floyd to commemorate his display of courage, valor, and devotion to duty in combat service, without regard for the sacrifices and hardships endured; and

**WHEREAS**, PFC Floyd also was awarded a certificate of Honorable Service as a mark of this Country's deep and respectful estimation of his faithful service to the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Roger Lee Floyd was brought home, and is buried at Saint Luke's Episcopal Church at Pedlar Mills; and

**WHEREAS**, Roger Lee Floyd's name is emblazoned upon the Vietnam Memorial in the Town of Amherst, along with ten of his compatriots; and

**WHEREAS**, Amherst County seeks to honor its native son with an enduring symbol of our deep affection for him, and our abiding regard for his service; and

**WHEREAS**, Amherst County accordingly requests, pursuant to Virginia Code § 33.2-213, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge that connects Buffalo Springs and Wagon Trail Roads, near Pedlar Mills, "The Roger Lee Floyd Bridge"; and

**WHEREAS**, Amherst County stands ready and willing to support the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the sign bearing Roger Lee Floyd's name, and to take any other needed action in support of this petition to the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, Amherst County now is deemed a Purple Heart Community, and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter No. 1607, therefore has committed to supplying a sign for the bridge that signifies that Amherst County is a Purple Heart Community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:**

That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby requests, pursuant to Virginia Code § 3.2-213, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge that connects Buffalo Springs and Wagon Trail Roads, near Pedlar Mills, "The Roger Lee Floyd Bridge".

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Supervisors hereby expresses its commitment to supporting the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the sign bearing Roger Lee Floyd's name, and to taking any other needed action in support of this petition to the Commonwealth.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Commonwealth Transportation Board under cover of a letter requesting guidance as to next steps.

**II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.**

Adopted this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

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Claudia D. Tucker, Chair  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

**ATTEST:**

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Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk  
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstentions \_\_\_\_\_