



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2018-0010-R

For consideration on May 15, 2018

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2018-0010-R

A resolution, requesting that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name a certain bridge over Pedlar River on Route 60 near Pedlar River Road in Amherst County "The James Bernard Noel Bridge", in honor of a fallen son of Amherst County.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

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 over Pedlar River on Route 60 near Pedlar River Road in Amherst County, "The James Bernard Noel Bridge", as follows:

WHEREAS, James Bernard Noel is a true son of Amherst County, having been born and raised on Tobacco Mountain Field, known as Tyler Mountain on Pedlar Dam Road in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Corporal James Bernard Noel served in the 23rd Infantry Regiment HQ CO 2 Battalion, U.S. Army and was captured and taken as a Prisoner of War while running communication lines by the North Korean Army. Corporal Noel was killed in action (KIA) on September 4, 1950, at the Battle of Naktong Bulge in South Korea 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, Corporal Noel was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star Medal for Valor; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Noel was awarded a certificate of Honorable Service as a mark of his country's deep and respectful estimation of his faithful service to the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, James Bernard Noel was brought home and is buried at Green Hill Cemetery, Buena Vista, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County seeks to honor its native son with an enduring symbol of our 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 Transportation Board name the bridge over Pedlar River on Route 60 near Pedlar River Road in Amherst County, "The James Bernard Noel Bridge"; and

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

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 request pursuant to Virginia Code § 33.2-213, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge over Pedlar River on Route 60 near Pedlar River Road in Amherst County, "The James Bernard Noel 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 James Bernard Noel'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 15th day of May, 2018.



Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 4

Nays Ø

Abstentions Ø