

**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA** 

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda Item # 5

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

January 15, 2020

# **MOTION**

# <u>Made By:</u> Mr. Rucker<u>, Seconded By:</u> Mr. Miller <u>Action:</u> Motion Carried, Unanimously

# Title: Highway Naming: "Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway"

WHEREAS, Middlesex County wishes to honor and memorialize Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. for his exceptional service to his country. Mr. Burrell enlisted in the United States Army in December 1942 and served in the 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion under General George S. Patton on D-Day at Omaha Beach, France. After enduring 183 days of front-line fighting with no injuries, he returned to his home in Middlesex County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burrell lived a lifetime of devotion to his country, his family, his faith and his community until his death at 100 years of age on October 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Middlesex County has requested, by resolution dated December 3, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and contributions of Raymond W Burrell, Sr., name Route 633, Providence Road, for its entire 1.42 mile length, in Middlesex County as the "Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. 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, after the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors passed its resolution requesting this naming, the Middlesex County Administrator provided VDOT a letter dated

Resolution of the Board Highway Naming "Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway" January 15, 2020 Page 2 of 2 December 10, 2019, indicating that Middlesex 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 Route 633, Providence Road, for its entire length of 1.42 miles, in Middlesex County as the "Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway"; 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 Middlesex County for these costs as required by law.

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#### **CTB Decision Brief**

Highway Naming: "Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway"

**Issue:** Approval of the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) is sought for the commemorative naming of Route 633, Providence Road, for its entire 1.42 mile length in Middlesex County as the "Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway", as requested by Middlesex County.

**Facts:** The Middlesex County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on December 3, 2019 memorializing the life and service of Mr. Burrell. Based on that resolution, Mr. Burrell enlisted in the United State Army in December 1942 and served in the 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion under General George S. Patton on D-Day at Omaha Beach, France. After enduring 183 days of front-line fighting with no injuries, he returned to his home in Middlesex County.

Mr. Raymond W. Burrell lived a lifetime of devotion to his country, his family, his faith and his community until his death at 100 years of age on October 12, 2019.

After the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors passed the resolution requesting the naming, the Middlesex County Administrator submitted a letter to VDOT indicating that the County would pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs.

**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 633, Providence Road, for its entire 1.42 mile length, in Middlesex County will be named the "Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway", as requested by Middlesex County. In accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, Middlesex 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.

Matthew L. Walker County Administrator



Betty S. Muncy Asst. County Administrator

**County of Middlesex** Office of the County Administrator

December 11, 2019

TO:	Commonwealth Transportation Board/VDOT	
FROM:	Matthew L. Walker	Mm_

SUBJECT: Designation of Memorial Highway for Raymond W. Burrell, Sr.

The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on December 3, 2019 indicating their desire to designate State Route 633, Providence Road, as a memorial highway for Raymond W. Burrell, Sr.

Middlesex County will pay all costs associated with the fabrication, installation and maintenance of The Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway designation signage.

# Middlesex County Board of Supervisors



# **RESOLUTION**

"The Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway"

Whereas, Raymond W. Burrell, Sr., was born on May 9, 1919; and

Whereas, Mr. Burrell enlisted in the Army in December 1942 and served in the 761<sup>st</sup> Tank Battalion under General George S. Patton on D-Day at Omaha Beach, France, enduring 183 days of front-line fighting with no injuries before returning to his home in Middlesex County; and

Whereas, Mr. Burrell, lived a lifetime of devotion to his country, his family, his faith, and his community until his death at 100 years of age on October 12, 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors desires to honor and memorialize the memory of Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. by designating State Route 633, Providence Road, as "The Raymond W. Burrell, Sr. Memorial Highway"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the request for this designation be forwarded to the Commonwealth Transportation Board for their concurrence and that the necessary markings for this designation be installed by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

All members present and voting as follows:

Mark E. "Chip" Holt III	Aye
Wayne H. Jessie, Sr.	Aye
Peter W. Mansfield	Aye
John B. Koontz	Aye
Kathleen H. Swinehart	Aye

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Matt Walker, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Middlesex, Virginia, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution passed at a lawfully organized meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County held at Saluda, Virginia, at 3:00 p.m. on December 3, 2019.

A Copy Teste:

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Matthew Walker, Clerk

