



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

### Commonwealth Transportation Board

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*Agenda item # 4*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 20, 2022

#### MOTION

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

#### **Title: Bridge Naming: “Trooper Henry Noel Harmon 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 State Route 57, Halifax Road, over U.S. Route 29, Pittsylvania County, as the “Trooper Henry Noel Harmon Memorial Bridge”, to honor the life, service to his community and ultimate sacrifice of Virginia State Police Trooper Henry Noel Harmon; and

**WHEREAS**, § 33.2-213 provides that any naming for a state official killed during the performance of his official duties, 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 Noel Harmon; 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 State Route 57, Halifax Road, over U.S. Route 29, Pittsylvania County, as the "Trooper Henry Noel Harmon 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 Noel Harmon Memorial Bridge”

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the bridge on State Route 57, Halifax Road, over U.S. Route 29, Pittsylvania County as the “Trooper Henry Noel Harmon 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 Noel Harmon who was killed in the line of duty while honorably fulfilling his duties. He arrested a drunk driver on January 10, 1960. The arrestee shot Trooper Harmon in the back of the neck leaving him paralyzed from the neck down. Trooper Harmon died 35 years later on February 7, 1995 at the age of 65.

Trooper Harmon and his family lived off of State Route 57 just outside Chatham. He was assigned to Pittsylvania County and was stationed out of Chatham.

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 State Route 57, Halifax Road, over U.S. Route 29, Pittsylvania County will be known as the “Trooper Henry Noel Harmon 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 # 2022-05-05**

**SUPPORT FOR NAMING THE ROUTE 57 BRIDGE IN THE BANISTER DISTRICT OF  
PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA, THE “TROOPER HENRY NOEL HARMON  
MEMORIAL BRIDGE”**

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

**WHEREAS,** the Board is committed to recognizing and celebrating Pittsylvania County, Virginia’s (“County”), historical heritage and contributions made thereto by its citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Trooper Henry Noel Harmon (“Harmon”) was a Virginia State Trooper, who was killed in the line of duty while serving County citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** Harmon was assigned to the County and stationed out of Chatham, Virginia (“Chatham”); and

**WHEREAS,** Harmon and his family lived off Route 57 just outside Chatham; and

**WHEREAS,** Harmon had been with the Virginia State Police seven (7) years when he arrested a drunk driver on Route 761, one-half (1/2) mile south of Long Island, Virginia, on January 10, 1960; and

**WHEREAS,** the arrestee shot Harmon in the back of the neck leaving him paralyzed for life from the neck down; and

**WHEREAS,** Harmon died thirty-five (35) years later on February 7, 1995, at the age of sixty-five (65); and

**WHEREAS,** Harmon’s son, Henry Wayne Harmon, followed in his father’s footsteps serving with the County Sheriff’s Office and the Hurt Police Department, and his grandson, Henry Gregory Harmon, is currently serving County citizens as a Virginia State Trooper; and

**WHEREAS,** the Virginia State Police save countless lives by protecting County and State through rigorous law enforcement and patrolling of County and State 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,** Harmon is an example of the dedication of the Virginia State Police, and it is fitting that the Board remember his 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 Route 57 Bridge in the Banister District of the County the location of said bridge depicted in more detail on the map attached hereto and made a part fully hereof, as the “Trooper Henry Noel Harmon 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 Harmon family, appropriate local VDOT officials, and the CTB for consideration.


Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.



  
William V. (WV) Ingram (Chairman)  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

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

**Approved as to Form:**

  
J. Vaden Hunt, Esq.  
Pittsylvania County Attorney



# COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Colonel Gary T. Settle  
Superintendent

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE

Lt. Colonel Tracy S. Russillo  
Deputy Superintendent

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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 Route 57 Bridge in the community of Bannister, Virginia to be named the *Trooper Henry Noel Harmon Memorial Bridge*. This request is in support of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors Resolution #2022-05-05 that recommends the naming of this particular bridge due to Trooper Harmon 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 Harmon joined the Virginia Department of State Police in 1953, and was assigned to Pittsylvania County upon graduation from the Academy. On January 10, 1960, Trooper Harmon was in the process of arresting a drunk driver in Campbell County, when the arrestee shot the trooper in the neck. Trooper Harmon was immediately and permanently paralyzed from the neck down. He died 35 years later in 1995 at the age of 65. Inspired by his passion for public service and fortitude, Trooper Harmon's son and grandson both pursued law enforcement careers.

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 cursive script that reads "Gary T. Settle".

Superintendent

GTS/cng  
Enclosure

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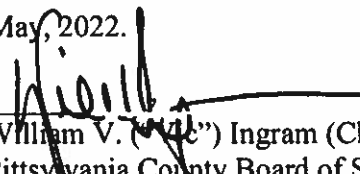
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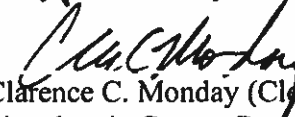
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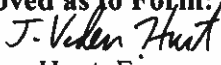
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Virginia Department of Transportation  
Maintenance Division  
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