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Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 9

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 17, 2022

MOTION

Made By: Dr. Smoot **Seconded By:** Mr. Johnsen

Action: Motion carried, unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: “John J. Johnston Fieldale Bridge”

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Henry County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution passed February 22, 2022, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor the life, service to his community and ultimate sacrifice of John J. Johnston, name the bridge on Route 701, Field Avenue, over the Smith River, Henry County, as the “John J. Johnston Fieldale Bridge”; and

WHEREAS, Henry County, by resolution passed February 22, 2022 has agreed to pay the cost of producing, placing and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the bridge on Route 701, Field Avenue, over the Smith River, Henry County, as the “John J. Johnston Fieldale Bridge”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Henry County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: “John J. Johnston Fieldale Bridge”

Issue: Commemorative naming of the bridge on Route 701, Field Avenue, over the Smith River, Henry County as the “John J. Johnston Fieldale Bridge”.

Facts: Henry County enacted a resolution on February 22, 2022 to honor the life, contributions to his community and ultimate sacrifice of John J. Johnston who, while serving as a police officer with the Henry County Police Department, was killed in the line of duty on January 27, 1945 while honorably fulfilling his duties.

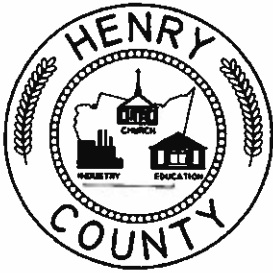
Recommendations: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) recommends this request be approved.

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 Route 701, Field Avenue, over the Smith River, Henry County will be known as the “John J. Johnston Fieldale Bridge”. In accordance with law and by resolution, Henry 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.



Resolution of the
**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**

**Bridge Naming on Route 701 "Field Avenue," over the
"Smith River" in "Henry County" as the
"John J. Johnston Fieldale Bridge."**

WHEREAS, John J. Johnston was killed in the line of duty on January 27, 1945, while honorably fulfilling his duties; and

WHEREAS, Henry County appreciates the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices made by law enforcement officers who routinely put themselves in harms way for the betterment of their community; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia 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, bridges, interchanges, or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation 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 RESOLVED, that Henry County, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 701 "Field Avenue," over the "Smith River" in "Henry County" as the "John J. Johnston Fieldale Bridge" and

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

Jim Adams, Chairman
Henry County Board of Supervisors



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Maintenance Division

CTB MEETING: May 18, 2022

Henry County

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