

Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

RESOLUTION

2015-07-01

MOTION: Made by: Jessie L. Barksdale Seconded by: James H. Snead

Title: Naming the overpass (State Route 360 East over US Highway 29 Bypass) as the "Irvin C. Burton, Sr. Memorial Bridge".

The Board of Supervisors of Pittsylvania County, Virginia ("the Board") at its regular meeting on the 6th day of July, 2015, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, Mr. Irvin C. Burton, Sr., educated in Pittsylvania County Public Schools, became an ardent civic leader and advocate for public education for all children. He became a farmer, landscaper, businessman, and spearheaded the creation of a County Community Action Agency in Pittsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, in 1942, Mr. Burton became the driving force behind the Dan River-Blairs Civic League for effectively addressing educational issues over the ensuing years. His leadership greatly influenced the planning and construction of the first High School for African American students in the southern part of Pittsylvania County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton worked for peaceful understanding between the races with a continuing focus in the areas of education and voting. In 1965, Mr. Burton's advocacy and assistance for voter registration earned him the recognition of "Man of the Year" in Pittsylvania County by the Dan River-Blairs Civic League. He also played a pivotal role during the integration of public schools in Pittsylvania County, as well as advocating the hiring and appointment of qualified African Americans to various positions throughout the County Government; and

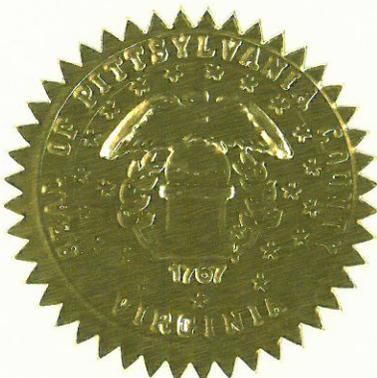
WHEREAS, Mr. Burton passed away on December 9, 1998. He was officially recognized by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors on December 15, 1998, by Resolution 98-12-73, for exemplary service and unflinching dedication to the citizens of Pittsylvania County. As an expression of the Commonwealth of Virginia General Assembly's respect for Mr. Burton's memory, on June 6, 1999, Delegate Whit Clement presented his daughter with a House Joint Resolution No. 531 for his years of outstanding dedication and effective community. Mr. Burton helped to shape the community, state, and the nation during his era; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to memorialize the life and sacrifice of Mr. Burton; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board to name the overpass on State Route 360 East that crosses US Highway 29 Bypass as the "Irvin C. Burton, Sr. Memorial Bridge" in memory of Mr. Burton; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors agrees to pay for the manufacturing and installation of the "Irvin C. Burton, Sr. Memorial Bridge" signs.

Given under my hand this 6th day of July, 2015.



Brenda H. Bowman

Brenda H. Bowman, Chair
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

Clarence C. Monday

Clarence C. Monday, Clerk
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors