



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item #1*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 28, 2016

#### MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Connors, Seconded By: Mr. Williams**

**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously As Amended**

**Title: "Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway" Commemorative Naming of Route  
618, Oakes Landing Road, Middlesex County**

**WHEREAS**, the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors wants to commemorate and honor the life and dedication of Sheriff Joshua Holmes; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board, to commemorate and honor the life and contributions of Sheriff Joshua Holmes, name Route 618, Oakes Landing Road, Middlesex County as the "Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County has agreed to reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Commonwealth Transportation Board hereby names Route 618, Middlesex County as the "Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway"; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Department of Transportation is hereby directed to fabricate and erect appropriate signs and to invoice Middlesex County for the costs related to this commemorative naming.

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### **Highway Naming: “Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway”**

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of Route 618, Oakes Landing Road, Middlesex County.

**Facts:** Mr. Joshua Holmes served as the first African-American Sheriff elected in Middlesex County. Mr. Holmes passed away on September 24, 2008 and Middlesex County passed a resolution on June 7, 2016 requesting that Route 618 be named the “Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway”.

**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 the Highway. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

**Result if Approved:** Route 618, Oakes Landing Road, Middlesex County, will be known and signed as the “Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway”.

In accordance with law, the County will reimburse the costs associated with providing and installing the necessary signs and VDOT will invoice accordingly.

**Options:** Approve, Deny, or Defer.

**Public Comments/Reactions:** VDOT is not aware of any opposition to this proposal.



# COMMONWEALTH *of* VIRGINIA

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

87 Deacon Road  
Fredericksburg, VA 22405

Charles A. Kilpatrick, P.E.  
COMMISSIONER

June 21, 2016

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Brack Dunn

FROM: Ms. Joyce McGowan  
Saluda Residency Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce McGowan", written over the printed name.

SUBJECT: Resolution for Road Naming-State Route (SR) 618 as  
Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway, Middlesex County

Attached please find a resolution adopted by the Middlesex County Board of Supervisors on June 7, 2016 requesting the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to posthumously name SR 618 the "Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway". Mr. Holmes served honorably as the first African-American Sheriff elected in Middlesex County from 1978-1983.

I would appreciate your consideration of this request and placement of it before the CTB at the earliest opportunity. It appears the request complies with the requirements of the *Code of Virginia*, and the General Powers and Duties of the Commonwealth Transportation Board. Middlesex County has agreed, by the attached resolution, to pay for the fabrication and installation of the signs.

Attachment

# Middlesex County Board of Supervisors



## RESOLUTION

### "The Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway"

Whereas, Joshua Holmes served as the first African-American Sheriff elected in Middlesex County; and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors desires to honor Sheriff Holmes for his dedication to serving the citizens of Middlesex County from 1978-1983;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors of Middlesex County to designate State Route 618, Oakes Landing Road, as "The Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the necessary markings for these designations be installed by the Virginia Department of Transportation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Middlesex County will assume the costs for the fabrication and installation of the signs for this naming.

All members present and voting as follows:

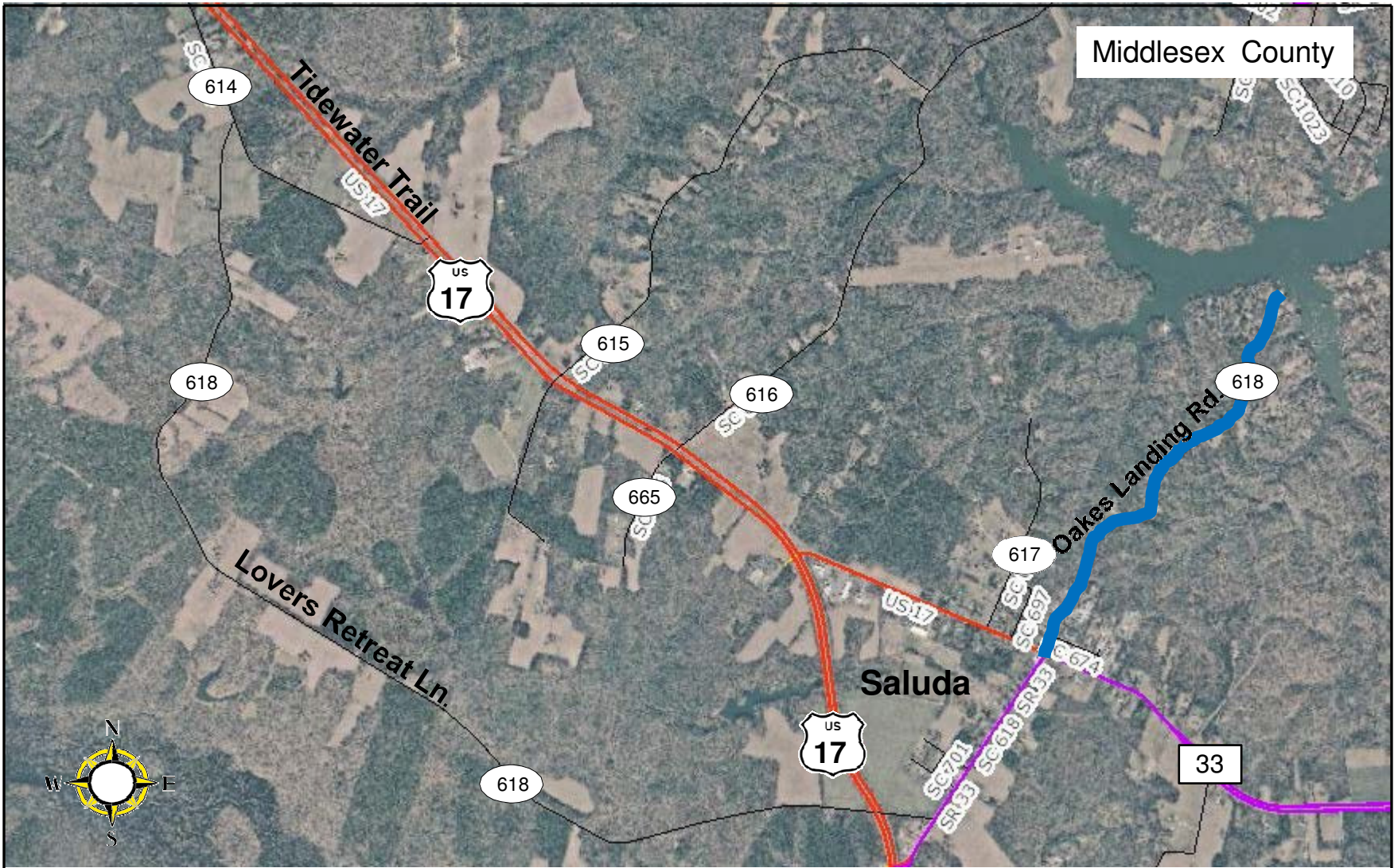
John D. Miller, Jr.	aye
Wayne H. Jessie, Sr.	aye
Robert LeBoeuf	aye
Mark E. "Chip" Holt III	aye
Peter W. Mansfield	absent

#### 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 3:00p.m. on June 7, 2016.

A Copy Teste:

Matthew Walker, Clerk




Middlesex County



Maintenance Division  
July 20, 2016

Middlesex County

Proposed Highway Naming:  
**“Joshua Holmes Memorial Highway”**

 Proposed Highway Naming