



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

## *Commonwealth Transportation Board*

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*Agenda item #4*

### RESOLUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 17, 2019

#### MOTION

**Made By: Mr. Stinson, Seconded By: Mr. Brown**  
**Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously**

**Title: Overlook Naming: “J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook”**

**WHEREAS**, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors wishes to honor the life, commitment and selfless public service of Dr. J. Stuart Staley, who served his country in World War II in both the North African and European theaters and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service. After his service to his country, he continued serving the community as a doctor and was instrumental in the establishment of the Smyth County Community Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated June 12, 2019, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life, service and contributions of Dr. J. Stuart Staley, name the overlook on State Route 16, Park Boulevard, at milepost 41.3, Smyth County, as the “J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook”; 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**, by resolution, Smyth County has agreed to pay VDOT for the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the overlook on State Route 16, Park Boulevard, milepost 41.3, Smyth County, as the "J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook"; 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 Smyth County for these costs as required by law.

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## **CTB Decision Brief**

### Overlook Naming: “J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook”

**Issue:** Commemorative naming of the overlook on State Route 16, Park Boulevard, at milepost 41.30, Smyth County as the “J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook”.

**Facts:** Smyth County enacted a resolution on June 12, 2019 memorializing the life, service and contributions of Dr. J. Stuart Staley. Based on that resolution, Dr. Staley was a veteran of World War II, serving in both the North African and European theaters and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service. After his service to his country, he continued serving the community as a doctor and was instrumental in the establishment of the Smyth County Community Hospital. Dr. Staley passed away on January 6, 1997.

**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, bridge or transportation facility, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board’s consideration.

**Result if Approved:** The overlook on State Route 16, Park Boulevard, at milepost 41.30, Smyth County, will be named as the “J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook”. In accordance with law and by local resolution, Smyth 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.



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Highway Naming of Overlook portion on Route 16, from Milepost 41.30 to 41.35, near Walker Mountain Lane in Smyth County as the J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook.

**WHEREAS**, Dr. J. Stuart Staley was a prominent citizen in Smyth County; was a veteran of World War II serving in both the North African and European theaters and was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service; after his service to the country, he continued serving the community as a doctor and was instrumental in the establishment of the Smyth County Community Hospital; and Dr. J. Stuart Staley passed away January 6, 1997; and

**WHEREAS**, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors has received a request from the family of J. Stuart Staley to assist in naming an overlook in his honor; 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**, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors adopts this resolution for the Commonwealth Transportation Board to consider the approval of naming the Overlook portion on Route 16 at Milepost 41.30 to 41.35 in Smyth County as the J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook; 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.

**WHEREAS**, per the Virginia Code Section 33.1-12(4), the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining these signs shall be paid by the counties, cities, and towns in which they are located.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Smyth County Board of Supervisors, does hereby request the Commonwealth Transportation Board consider approval to name the Overlook portion on Route 16 at Milepost 41.30 to 41.35, near Walker Mountain Lane, in Smyth County as the J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook; and

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

  
Clerk, Smyth County Board of Supervisors

6-12-19  
Date





Maintenance Division

CTB MEETING: July 17, 2019

Smyth County

Proposed Overlook Naming:  
**“J. Stuart Staley Memorial Overlook”**