

RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-017

**SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS GRADY CASKEY, BRAD BOWERS, AND
JEROME MOON**

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE BRIDGE ON US-321 EAST OVER CROOKED CREEK,
MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE, THE SPECIALIST MONTE LYNN PAYNE MEMORIAL
BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the members of the Blount County Board of Commissioners wish to honor the memory of Specialist Monte Lynn Payne; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Monte Lynn Payne was born on October 10, 1948, in Blount County, Tennessee, and was a 1966 graduate of Walland High School; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Payne was in the U.S. Army Unit D Company, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry, 11th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Payne's tour in Vietnam began on May 17, 1969, and on October 21, 1969, around 5 months after beginning his tour in Vietnam, Specialist Monte Lynn Payne was killed in action in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam, Hostile, from other explosive device; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Monte Lynn Payne is memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Panel 17W, Line 103, and is buried at Hillcrest Cemetery in Maryville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to request from the State of Tennessee to name the bridge located on US-321 East over Crooked Creek in Maryville, Tennessee, the Specialist Monte Lynn Payne Memorial Bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Veterans Affairs Committee with representatives of: American Legion Post 13, DAV Chapter 76, Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts 10855 and 5154, Gold Star Mother, Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1814, AMVET Post 22, and the Blount County Board of Commissioners, Mayor Ed Mitchell, Sheriff James L. Berrong and Highway Superintendent Jeff Headrick recommend this bridge be named in honor of Specialist Monte Lynn Payne to commemorate his life and sacrifice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Blount County Legislative Body in session assembled on the 16th day of November, 2017, as follows:

1. That the aforementioned bridge on US-321 East over Crooked Creek in Maryville, Tennessee, be recommended to be renamed the Specialist Monte Lynn Payne Memorial Bridge.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Blount County Legislative Delegation to the Tennessee General Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee, to show support for this request (Exhibits attached hereto include map location of bridge and picture of Specialist Monte Lynn Payne).

Duly authorized and approved this 16th day of November, 2017.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved:_____

Vetoed:_____

County Mayor

Date