

RESOLUTION NO. 17-11-015

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

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE BRIDGE ON US-321 WEARS VALLEY ROAD OVER
LITTLE RIVER, TOWNSEND, TENNESSEE, THE CORPORAL ERVIN PROCTOR
MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the members of the Blount County Board of Commissioners wish to honor the memory of Corporal Ervin Proctor; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ervin Proctor was born on January 23, 1948, in Townsend, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Proctor was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967, and was a member of Bravo Company, First Battalion, 46th Infantry, 198th Light Infantry Brigade, Americal Division; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Proctor's tour in Vietnam began on June 16, 1968; and

WHEREAS, on September 13, 1968, almost three months after beginning his tour in Vietnam, Corporal Ervin Proctor was killed in action in Quang Ngai, South Vietnam from multiple fragmentation wounds; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Ervin Proctor is memorialized on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Panel 44W, Line 053, and he is buried at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery in Townsend, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to request from the State of Tennessee to name the bridge over the Little River located on Wears Valley Road (U.S. Highway 321) in Townsend, Tennessee, the Corporal Ervin Proctor 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, Townsend City Council, Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell, Sheriff James L. Berrong and Highway Superintendent Jeff Headrick recommend this bridge be named in honor of Corporal Ervin Proctor 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 Wears Valley Road in Townsend, Tennessee, be recommended to be renamed the Corporal Ervin Proctor 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 Corporal Ervin Proctor).

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

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date