

RESOLUTION NO. 25-11-017

Sponsored by Commissioners: Nick Bright, John E. Giles, and Ron French

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE DESIGNATION OF THE ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, LOCATED ON U.S. HIGHWAY 321 IN MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS THE "WILLIAM O. GREGORY ARMY NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY"

WHEREAS, nineteen-year-old William Ollie Gregory enlisted in the United States Army in 1947 and received an honorable discharge in 1956; and

WHEREAS, William Gregory continued his service by enlisting in the Tennessee Army National Guard in Maryville; and

WHEREAS, William Gregory applied for a job with the Tennessee military department, and was hired as a full-time Administrative Supply Technician, and was promoted through the ranks to First Sergeant of the Howitzer Battery, 1/278th ACR; and

WHEREAS, William Gregory worked at the armory on Parham Hill in Maryville/Alcoa until construction was completed on a new armory on Highway 321; and

WHEREAS, William Gregory moved the unit to the new armory, where he continued as a full-time technician, and accepted a transfer to the 278th ACR Support Squadron in Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, William Gregory was subsequently promoted to Command Sergeant Major (CSM) and remained in the Tennessee Army National Guard as the Support Squadron CSM until his retirement in 1992; and

WHEREAS, William Gregory dedicated nearly half his life to the military, retiring with over forty-one years of honorable service; and

WHEREAS, after leading a life of service and distinction, William Gregory passed away July 3, 2014, at the age of eighty-five.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, in conjunction with Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell and the Blount County Veterans Affairs Committee, that:

- 1. The army national guard armory, located on U.S. Highway 321 in Maryville, Tennessee, shall be designated as the "William O. Gregory Army National Guard Armory", in honor of Command Sergeant Major William Gregory and his valuable service to the army national guard and the state of Tennessee; and
- 2. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Blount County Legislative Delegation of the Tennessee General Assembly in Nashville, Tennessee, to show support for this request. (Exhibits attached hereto include the obituary and a picture of William O. Gregory.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution take effect from and after passage, the Public Welfare requiring it.

Duly authorized and approved this ____ day of _____ 2025.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION	ATTEST
Commission Chairman County Mayor ☐ Approved ☐ Vetoed	County Clerk Date