

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-03-012**

**Sponsored by Commissioners: Steve Mikels, Mike Akard, Dawn Reagan, David Wells, Nick Bright,  
John Giles, Linda Webb, Staci Lawhorn, Rick Carver, Tom Stinnett, Earl McMahan, Brad Bowers,  
Dyran Bledsoe and Ron French**

**A RESOLUTION NAMING TWO BRIDGES ON U.S. HIGHWAY 321 IN BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE, THE  
CLAYTON NARVESON WWII IWO JIMA SURVIVOR MEMORIAL BRIDGE.**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee, assembled in regular session on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023:

**WHEREAS**, Clayton Edward Narveson was born in Browns Valley, Minnesota, on January 27, 1924, the son of Nels and Ella Narveson, and raised in Austin, Minnesota. Clayton was a devoted son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, comrade and friend. Clayton passed away just before his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 20, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, Clayton entered the USMC in December 1942, and completed his basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. He served with both the Second and Fourth Marine Divisions during World War II as a gunner on an 81mm mortar. After embarking on the USS Harris (APA-2) for transportation, he participated in the Invasion of Tarawa in November 1943. On May 21, 1944, he was injured while on an LST in the West Loch disaster in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Later, he embarked on the USS Newberry (APA-158) for transportation to and participation in the Battle of Iwo Jima in February/March 1945. Clayton witnessed the American Flag being raised at Iwo Jima. Then in December 1945, Clayton received his Honorable Discharge from the Marine Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Clayton, an Honorary Colonel in the State of Tennessee and active member of VFW Post 10855, being very involved with his church, the community, and speaking to school children and various organizations, should be memorialized for his selfless service and sacrifice to his Country and fellowmen; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be appropriate to request the State of Tennessee name two bridges in Blount County, Tennessee, on Highway US-321 over the Foothills Parkway the *Clayton Narveson WWII Iwo Jima Survivor Memorial Bridge*; and

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

1. The two bridges on Highway US-321 over the Foothills Parkway in Blount County, Tennessee, be named the *Clayton Narveson WWII Iwo Jima Survivor Memorial Bridge*; 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 a map of the bridges location, and the obituary including a picture of Clayton Edward Narveson.)

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be made a part of the official records of the Board of Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee.

**Duly authorized and approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.**

**CERTIFICATION OF ACTION**

**ATTEST**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

Approved\_\_\_\_\_

Vetoed\_\_\_\_\_

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County Mayor

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Date