

RESOLUTION NO. 19-08-016

SPONSORED BY: COMMISSIONERS BRIAN ROBBINS, JOE MCCULLEY and BRAD BOWERS

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE BRIDGE OVER THE NORTH FORK CROOKED CREEK ON
BLOCKHOUSE ROAD IN MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE, THE SEAMAN, SECOND CLASS E.
HOWARD RUSSELL MEMORIAL BRIDGE**

WHEREAS, the members of the Blount County Board of Commissioners wish to honor the memory of Seaman, Second Class E. Howard Russell; and

WHEREAS, Seaman, Second Class E. Howard Russell was born on July 25, 1921, in Blount County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Seaman, Second Class E. Howard Russell enlisted in the US Navy was awarded a Purple Heart for his service as a submariner during World War II on the USS Pickerel (SS-177); and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 1943, the USS Pickerel (SS-177) while on her seventh war patrol disappeared with all hands off Honshu, Japan and believed to have been sunk by depth charge attack by Imperial Japanese Naval Forces; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to name the bridge over the North Fork Crooked Creek on Blockhouse Road in Maryville, Tennessee, the *Seaman, Second Class E. Howard Russell Memorial Bridge*; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Veterans Affairs Committee with representatives of: the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1814, Gold Star Mother, AMVETS Post 22, American Legion Post 13, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 76, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10855, VFW Post 5154, and Member-at-Large, and the Blount County Board of Commissioners recommend this bridge be named in honor of Seaman, Second Class E. Howard Russell to commemorate his life and sacrifice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Blount County Legislative Body in regular session assembled on the 15th day of August, 2019, as follows:

1. That the aforementioned bridge over the North Fork Crooked Creek on Blockhouse Road in Maryville, Tennessee, be recommended to be named the *Seaman, Second Class E. Howard Russell Memorial Bridge*; and
2. A plaque so stating shall be attached to the bridge.

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 County Commissioners of Blount County, Tennessee.

Duly authorized and approved this 15th day of August, 2019.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: _____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date