

RESOLUTION NO. 20-01-012

SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONERS JOE MCCULLEY, BRIAN ROBBINS, TOM STINNETT, RON FRENCH, MIKE AKARD, JARED ANDERSON, ROBBIE BENNETT, BRAD BOWERS, NICK BRIGHT, RICK CARVER, MIKE CAYLOR, DODD CROWE, JIM HAMMONTREE, JACKIE HILL, TOM HOOD, JEFF JOPLING, SCOTT KING, STACI LAWHORN, STEVE MIKELS, DAWN REAGAN AND LINDA WEBB

**RESOLUTION NAMING THE BLOUNT COUNTY, TENNESSEE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 129
FROM MILE MARKER 11 TO THE TENNESSEE/NORTH CAROLINA LINE THE
CAPTAIN JOHNNY LEON BRYANT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY**

WHEREAS, the members of the Blount County Board of Commissioners wish to honor the memory of Army Captain, Johnny Leon Bryant; and

WHEREAS, Captain Johnny Leon Bryant, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bryant of Maryville, Tennessee born on August 16, 1943, a 1960 graduate of Lanier High School was killed in action during the Vietnam War on May 22, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Captain Johnny Leon Bryant served in the Army Division/Assignment of the 334th AHC, 145th Aviation Battalion, 12th Aviation in which he logged more than 2,000 combat hours as a front line helicopter pilot, and was wounded five times in his seven years of military service; and

WHEREAS, Captain Johnny Leon Bryant, the holder of three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Star Medals, 24 Air Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, and four Purple Heart Medals, is honored on panel 24W, line 74 of the wall, and lays in eternal rest at Four Mile Cemetery in Blount County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to request the State of Tennessee to name the Blount County, Tennessee portion of Highway 129 from mile marker 11 to the Tennessee/North Carolina line the Captain Johnny Leon Bryant Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, the Blount County Veterans Affairs Committee with representatives from: American Legion Post 13, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 76, AMVETS Post 22, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10855, Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 1814, VFW Post 5154, Gold Star Mother, Member At Large, and the Blount County Board of Commissioners, Mayor Ed Mitchell, Sheriff James L. Berrong and Highway Superintendent Jeff Headrick recommend this portion of highway be named in honor of Army Captain Johnny Leon Bryant to commemorate his life and sacrifice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Blount County Legislative Body in regular session assembled on the 16th day of January, 2020, as follows:

1. That the aforementioned portion of Highway 129 beginning at mile marker 11 to the Tennessee/North Carolina line in Blount County, Tennessee be deemed the Captain Johnny Leon Bryant Memorial Highway.
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 and picture of Captain Johnny Leon Bryant).
3. That memorial highway signs be placed at mile marker 11 going south and at the Tennessee/North Carolina state line going north.

Duly authorized and approved this 16th day of January, 2020.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

☐ **Approved**

☐ **Vetoed**

County Mayor

Date