RESOLUTION NO. 21-01-012

Sponsored by: Commissioners Joe McCulley, Brian Robbins, and Ron French

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CITY OF TOWNSEND RESOLUTION 272-20-1C DESIGNATING THE SECTION OF US-321 THAT PASSES THROUGH THE CITY LIMITS OF TOWNSEND, TENNESSEE, AS VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, the members of the Blount County Board of Commissioners desire that all Blount County citizens understand that veterans of every generation and conflict deserve our gratitude and respect as they have defended our sacred values of freedom and justice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Townsend has a great opportunity to demonstrate to the State of Tennessee and the entire nation a working, non-partisan program honoring Veterans; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to request from the State of Tennessee to designate the portion of U.S Highway 321, also known as Lamar Alexander Parkway, that passes through the entire city limits of Townsend, Tennessee, the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, such highway designation signifies our gratitude and reminds the many thousands of visitors to Townsend of our Vietnam Veterans who bravely offered their service to our country; 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 City of Townsend Board of Commissioners, the Blount County Legislative Body, Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell, Blount County Sheriff James L. Berrong and Highway Superintendent Jeff Headrick recommend this to honor the life, service and sacrifice of these veterans.

NOW THEREFORE, *BE IT RESOLVED* by the Blount County Legislative Body assembled in regular session on the 21st day of January, 2021, as follows:

- 1. That the aforementioned section of highway in Townsend, Tennessee, be recommended to be designated as Vietnam Veterans' 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.

Duly authorized and approved this 21st day of January 2021.

CERTIFICATION OF ACTION

ATTEST

Commission Chairman

County Clerk

Approved: ____

Vetoed: _____

County Mayor

Date