

## RESOLUTION

HIGHWAY NAMING OF ROUTE 60, POCAHONTAS TRAIL, IN JAMES CITY COUNTY,

FROM ROUTE 199 TO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG

AS THE JUDGE WILLIAM T. STONE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

- WHEREAS, Judge William T. Stone, believed to be the first African-American judge in Virginia, passed away on January 18, 2018; and
- WHEREAS, Judge Stone was a graduate of Bruton Heights High School and won a scholarship to Central State College; and
- WHEREAS, Judge Stone was an Army veteran who served in Korea after college and who earned a diploma and an Advanced Studies Certificate in Mortuary Science from the New England Institute of Anatomy after his return to the United States; and
- WHEREAS, Judge Stone also earned a law degree from American University's evening program and was admitted to the Bar in 1962; and
- WHEREAS, Judge Stone was a founding member of the Zeta Mu Mu Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity in Williamsburg where he was also a Mason and an Elk; and
- WHEREAS, Judge Stone started in a solo law practice, but as it grew, he hired two Caucasian attorneys as partners, creating what some believe to be the first integrated law firm partnership in the Commonwealth; and
- WHEREAS, Judge Stone continued a general law practice and remained a substitute judge for 30 years; and
- WHEREAS, Judge Stone also owned Whiting's Funeral Home and Cremation Services, the firm his aunt's family operated; and
- WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* authorizes the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) to give suitable names to state highways, bridges, interchanges, and other transportation facilities and change the names of any highways, bridges, interchanges or other transportation facilities forming a part of the systems of state highways; and
- WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 provides that the Virginia Department of Transportation shall place and maintain appropriate signs indicating the names of highways, bridges, interchanges and other transportation facilities named by the CTB and requires that the costs of producing, placing and maintaining such signs shall be paid by the localities in which they are located.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia, does hereby request that the CTB name the highway on Route 60, Pocahontas Trail, in James City County, from Route 199 to the Corporate Limits of the City of Williamsburg, as the Judge William T. Stone Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that James City County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

*Ruth M. Larson*

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

*Teresa J. Fellows*  
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Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Adopted by the Board of Supervisors of James City County, Virginia, this 10th day of April, 2018.

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