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**TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE
IN
LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-04-03

**PRESENTED: MAY 10, 2022
ADOPTED: _____**

A RESOLUTION: TO REQUEST RENAMING ROUTE 7 IN THE TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE FROM, BILLY PIERCE MEMORIAL PIKE, TO ‘LEESBURG PIKE’ AND TO COMMEMORATIVELY NAME THE SAME HIGHWAY ‘BILLY PIERCE MEMORIAL PIKE’

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2022, the Purcellville Town Council adopted Resolution 22-01-01 to rename Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) within the Town of Purcellville corporate limits to Billy Pierce Memorial Pike; and

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2022 the adopted resolution was submitted to Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to present to the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) unanimously approved the resolution at their meeting on March 15, 2022, renaming Route 7 in the Town of Purcellville from Harry Byrd Highway to Billy Pierce Memorial Pike and the Town of Purcellville was notified of such approval and renaming on March 18, 2022 by way of a copy of the resolution adopted by the CTB; and

WHEREAS, at the request of Loudoun County, the CTB had previously approved a resolution at their meeting on February 15, 2022 to rename the portion of Route 7 that is within the boundaries of Loudoun County, from “Harry Byrd Highway” to “Leesburg Pike”; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2022 Town Manager David Mekarski received a letter from Loudoun County Administrator Tim Hemstreet stating the County is not in support of the renaming of Route 7 in Purcellville to Billy Pierce Memorial Pike, as it would negatively affect the safe and efficient delivery of public safety services; and

WHEREAS, at the Purcellville Town Council Meeting on March 24, 2022, representatives from Loudoun County presented their concerns with public safety in regards to the Route 7 name change in

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Purcellville, which opened a discussion on the possibility of using “Billy Pierce Memorial Pike” as a memorial/commemorative name as opposed to the primary name; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue presented an update to the Purcellville Town Council on April 12, 2022 and confirmed Loudoun’s GIS cannot accommodate the number of characters proposed in “Billy Pierce Memorial Pike”, however the CAD system, Google Maps, OMAGI and Waze may accommodate multiple aliases; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County staff recommended the Purcellville Town Council revise the request to the CTB regarding Route 7 in Purcellville, such that the name “Billy Pierce Memorial Pike” be approved as a memorial/commemorative name rather than the primary name.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Purcellville Town Council requests that the CTB rename Route 7 from “Billy Pierce Memorial Pike” to “Leesburg Pike” within the Town of Purcellville, to be consistent with the name of Route 7 in Loudoun County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the CTB approves the request to rename Route 7 in Purcellville to Leesburg Pike, Purcellville Town Council, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia* and for the reasons expressed in the Town Council Resolution 22-01-01 dated January 11, 2022, does hereby request that the CTB commemoratively name Route 7, within the boundaries of the Town of Purcellville, the “Billy Pierce Memorial Pike”.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Purcellville Town Council acknowledges and agrees that pursuant to §33.2-213, the locality in which the signs are located is required to pay the costs of producing, placing and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming and while Loudoun County has agreed to pay these costs, should Loudoun fail to do so, Purcellville will bear the aforementioned signage costs.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Kwasi A. Fraser, Mayor
Town of Purcellville

ATTEST:

Diana Hays, Town Clerk