

## **BRIDGE NAMING RESOLUTION**

## BRIDGE NAMING OF ROUTE 1403, BERKMAR DRIVE, OVER THE SOUTH FORK OF THE RIVANNA RIVER IN ALBEMARLE COUNTY AS THE RIO MILLS BRIDGE

**WHEREAS,** the Rio Mills community was established in the 1820s when William H. Meriwether built a mill downstream from the present-day South Rivanna Reservoir dam where the former Harrisonburg-Charlottesville Turnpike crossed the South Fork of the Rivanna River and a short distance from the current crossing of Berkmar Drive over the South Fork of the Rivanna; and

WHEREAS, the construction of additional water-powered mills producing significant amounts of flour, cornneal and lumber marked Rio Mills as an important local industry; and

**WHEREAS**, the covered bridge and gristmill were burned in 1864 following the Battle of Rio Hill; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize these historic events; 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 Albemarle County Board of Supervisors, in accordance with the requirements of Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the bridge on Route 1403, Berkmar Drive, over the South Fork of the Rivanna River in Albemarle County as the Rio Mills Bridge.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors agrees that the County of Albemarle, Virginia will pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors by a vote of \_\_ to \_\_ as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	Aye	Nay
Mr. Dill		
Mr. Gallaway		
Ms. Mallek		
Ms. McKeel		
Ms. Palmer		
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