COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 3

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

May 20, 2026

MOTION

Made By: Mr. Byers**, Seconded By:** Ms. Sellers

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Highway Naming: "Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway"

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated December 1, 2025, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service to his community and country of Samuel Nelson Drew, name the section of overlapping State Routes 208 and 22, Davis Highway, from Route 623, Chopping Road to Route 645, Poplar Avenue, Louisa County, as the "Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway"; and

WHEREAS, Louisa County, by resolution dated December 1, 2025, has agreed to be responsible for payment of all sign costs billed by the Virginia Department of Transportation calling attention to this naming, which will include the costs to produce, place, and maintain the signs; and

WHEREAS, § 33.2-213 provides that VDOT 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 or by the private entity whose name is attached to the transportation facility so named.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the CTB hereby names the section of overlapping State Routes 208 and 22, Davis Highway, from Route 623, Chopping Road to Route 645, Poplar Avenue, Louisa County, as the "Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that VDOT is directed to produce, place, and maintain the signs calling attention to this naming, and secure payment from Louisa County for these costs as required by law.

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CTB Decision Brief

Highway Naming: "Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway"

Issue: Commemorative naming, at the request of Louisa County, of the overlapping sections of State Routes 208 and 22, Davis Highway, from the intersection of Route 623, Chopping Road, to the intersection of Route 645, Poplar Avenue, Louisa County, as the "Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway".

Facts: The Louisa County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on December 1, 2025, to honor and memorialize the life and service to his community and country of Samuel Nelson Drew.

According to that resolution, Colonel Drew was raised and graduated in Louisa County and served as a distinguished military officer, respected teacher, and renowned strategic thinker whose contributions had a lasting impact on U.S. diplomatic efforts, particularly in the Balkans.

Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew passed away while in service to his country, and his life exemplified leadership, honor, and devotion, earning recognition through numerous articles and commendations. He left an enduring legacy of integrity and dedication that continues to reflect positively on Louisa County.

Action Required by CTB: The *Code of Virginia* requires a majority of the CTB members to approve a resolution naming a highway or bridge, as appropriate. A resolution will be provided for the Board's consideration.

Result if Approved: The overlapping sections of State Routes 208 and 22, Davis Highway, from the intersection of Route 623, Chopping Road, to the intersection of Route 645, Poplar Avenue, Louisa County, will be known as the "Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway". In accordance with law, and by resolution dated December 1, 2025, Louisa County agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this naming.

Options: Approve**,** Deny, or Defer.

Public Comments/Reactions: VDOT has not received any public comments on this proposal.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOUISA
RESOLUTION

At a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Louisa held in the Louisa County Public Meeting Room at 5:00 PM on the 1st day of December 2025, at which the following members were present, the following resolution was adopted by a majority of all members of the Board of Supervisors, the vote being recorded in the minutes of the meeting as shown below:

RESULT:	Passed
MOVER:	Board of Supervisors - Patrick Henry District Fitzgerald Barnes
SECONDER:	Board of Supervisors - Green Springs District Rachel Jones
AYES:	Duane Adams, Tommy Barlow, R.T. "Toni" Williams, Rachel Jones,
NAYS:	Fitzgerald Barnes, Manning Woodward, Christopher McCotter
ABSTAIN:	None
	None

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD TO NAME A PORTION OF ROUTE 208 AND ROUTE 22 IN HONOR OF COLONEL SAMUEL "NELSON" DREW AND AGREEING TO PAY THE COST OF SIGNAGE

WHEREAS, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors has established an Honorary Road Naming Policy to recognize and honor individuals with strong ties to Louisa County who have achieved notable distinction at the national or international level or made significant sacrifices in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Samuel "Nelson" Drew was raised and graduated in Louisa County, served as a distinguished military officer, respected teacher, and renowned strategic thinker whose contributions had a lasting impact on U.S. diplomatic efforts, particularly in the Balkans; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Drew passed away while in service to his country, and his life exemplified leadership, honor, and devotion, earning recognition through numerous articles and commendations, and leaving an enduring legacy of integrity and dedication that continues to reflect positively on Louisa County; 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 forming a part of the system of state highways; and

WHEREAS, Section 33.2-213 further 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 locality in which they are located unless the naming honors a state official killed in the line of duty; and

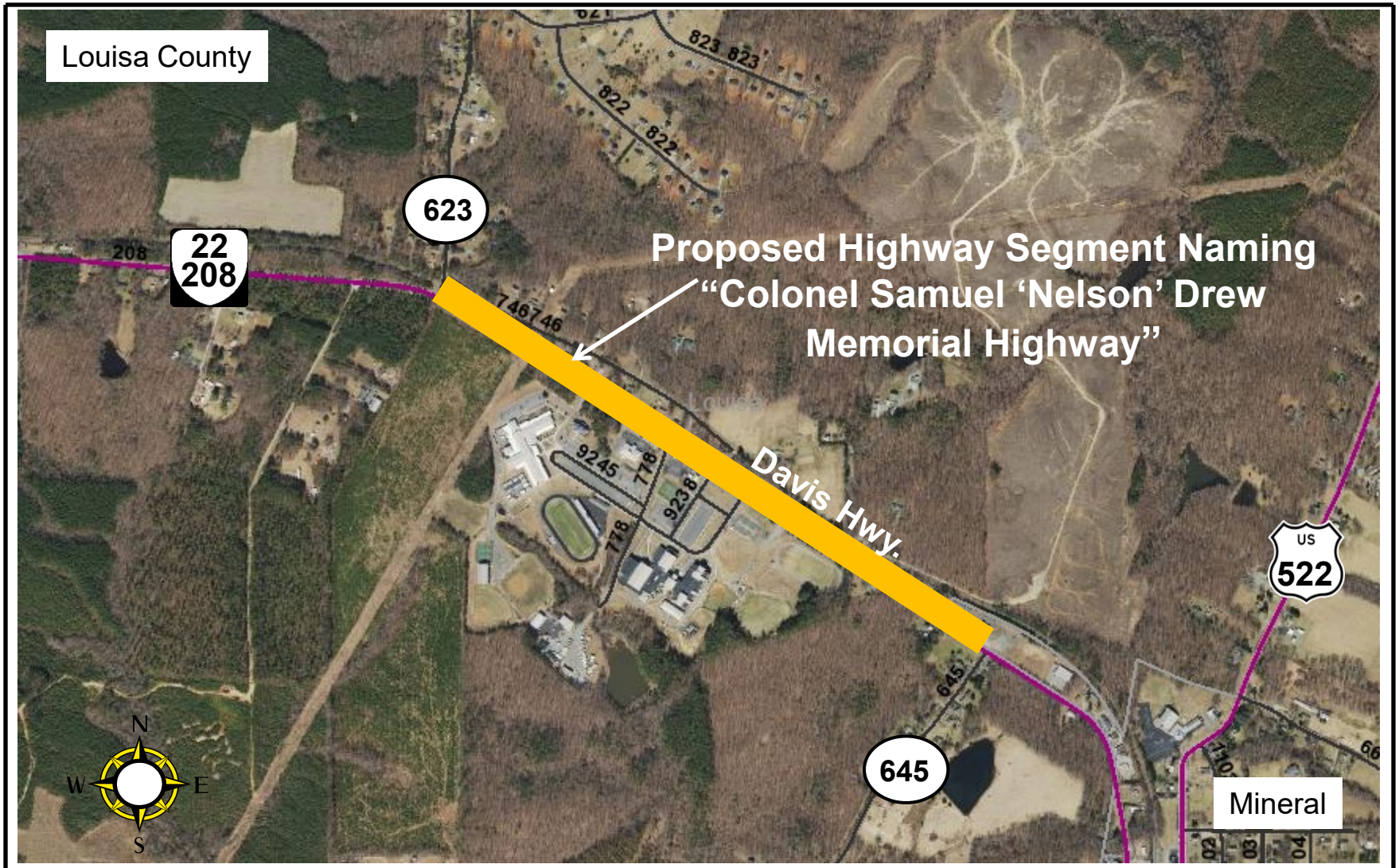
WHEREAS, the Louisa County Board of Supervisors wishes to recognize the lasting contributions of Colonel Samuel "Nelson" Drew by requesting that a portion of Route 208 and Route 22, from Route 623 (Chopping Road) to Route 645 (Poplar Avenue) in the County of Louisa, be named the "Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this 1st day of December, 2025, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the portion of Route 208 and Route 22, from Route 623 (Chopping Road) to Route 645 (Poplar Avenue), in Louisa County, Virginia, as the "Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisa County Board of Supervisors agrees to pay the costs of producing, placing, and maintaining the signs calling attention to this designation, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the Code of Virginia and current Virginia Department of Transportation guidelines.

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Christian R. Goodwin, Clerk
Board of Supervisors
Louisa County, Virginia



VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation
Maintenance Division
CTB MEETING: May 20, 2026

Louisa County

Proposed Highway Segment Naming:

"Colonel Samuel 'Nelson' Drew Memorial Highway"