COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Agenda item # 5

RESOLUTION
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH TRANSPORTATION BOARD

July 22, 2026

MOTION

Made By: Ms. Green**, Seconded By:** Dr. Smoot

Action: Motion Carried, Unanimously

Title: Bridge Naming: "Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, in accordance with § 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, the Halifax County Board of Supervisors has requested, by resolution dated June 1, 2026, that the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB), to honor and memorialize the life and service to her community of Jennifer Ann Nichols, name the bridge on State Route 92, Clover Road, over the Staunton River, at the border of Halifax County and Charlotte County, as the "Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, Halifax County, in an email from County Administrator Ron Brade, dated June 4, 2026, 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, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors has expressed their support for this naming in a resolution dated May 13, 2026; 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 bridge on State Route 92, Clover Road, over the Staunton River, at the border of Halifax County and Charlotte County, as the "Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge".

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

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CTB Decision Brief

Bridge Naming: "Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge"

Issue: Commemorative naming, at the request of Halifax County, of the bridge on State Route 92, Clover Road, over the Staunton River, at the border of Halifax County and Charlotte County, as the "Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge".

Facts: The Halifax County Board of Supervisors enacted a resolution on June 1, 2026, to honor the life and service to her community of Jennifer Ann Nichols.

Additionally, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution supporting this naming on May 13, 2026.

According to the Halifax County resolution, Jennifer Nichols was born on April 12, 1987, in Halifax County. Despite being born with spina bifida and living her life paralyzed from the waist down, she demonstrated extraordinary determination, compassion, and perseverance throughout her life.

She never allowed her physical challenges to define her but instead became widely known throughout the Clover and Halifax County communities for her kindness, civic involvement, and unwavering dedication to helping others.

During her youth, she served as an ambassador for the Halifax County March of Dimes under the leadership of the late Walter Brayboy and became an advocate for accessibility and equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities.

While attending school, Jennifer successfully petitioned Congressman Virgil Goode to secure the right to obtain a learner's permit and worked with school administration, including Principal Albert Randolph, to ensure accessibility accommodations were made so she could cross the graduation stage alongside her classmates.

Jennifer continued her education at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center and the South Boston campus, earning an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in General Studies, being induced into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and pursuing additional studies through Old Dominion University with aspirations of becoming an elementary school teacher.

Jennifer dedicated herself to numerous charitable, educational, religious, and civic causes, including service through FBLA, Habitat for Humanity, SADD, SCA, Young Republicans, the Halifax County Red Cross, The Salvation Army, HCCA fundraisers, God's Pit Crew collections, Angel Tree programs, and tutoring programs for local children through Clover Church of God of Prophecy, where she also taught Sunday school and served as a youth leader.

Jennifer Ann Nichols became a passionate and tireless advocate for the preservation, restoration, and reopening of the Highway 92 bridge in Clover following its closure in 2007, recognizing the bridge as both a vital connection for the community and an important part of the town's historic identity. She organized petitions, gathered documentation, contacted local and state officials,

communicated with the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Governor's Office, Halifax County officials, and Delegate James Edmunds, and worked persistently to ensure the bridge and the needs of the Clover community were not forgotten.

Jennifer Ann Nichols tragically passed away on February 3, 2021, due to complications related to COVID-19 before seeing the rebuilding of the bridge she fought so hard to preserve.

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 bridge on State Route 92, Clover Road, over the Staunton River, at the border of Halifax County and Charlotte County, will be known as the "Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge". In accordance with law, and by email dated June 4, 2026, Halifax 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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A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING CONCURRENCE WITH HALIFAX COUNTY'S REQUEST TO NAME THE HIGHWAY 92 BRIDGE IN HONOR OF JENNIFER ANN NICHOLS

WHEREAS, the Halifax County Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution requesting that the Highway 92 bridge in Clover, Virginia, be officially named the "Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge"; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ann Nichols was recognized throughout the Clover and Halifax County communities for her perseverance, civic involvement, advocacy, and dedication to serving others; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ann Nichols was a strong advocate for the preservation, restoration, and reopening of the Highway 92 bridge and worked diligently to promote the importance of the bridge to the Clover community; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 92 bridge connects both Halifax County and Charlotte County, making the bridge an important regional transportation connection shared by both localities; and

WHEREAS, the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors desires to memorialize and acknowledge the actions taken by Halifax County and express its concurrence with the proposed naming of the bridge in honor of Jennifer Ann Nichols;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its support and concurrence with Halifax County's request that the Commonwealth Transportation Board name the Highway 92 bridge in Clover, Virginia, the "Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Halifax County, as the locality initiating the naming request, shall assume responsibility for any costs associated with the fabrication, installation, and maintenance of the bridge signage.

Adopted this 13th day of May, 2026.

BY: _____
Walter T. Bailey, Chairman
Charlotte County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: _____
Landon B. Green, Clerk

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2026-18
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NAMING OF THE HIGHWAY 92 BRIDGE IN CLOVER, VIRGINIA, IN HONOR OF JENNIFER ANN NICHOLS

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ann Nichols was born on April 12, 1987, in Halifax County, Virginia, and despite being born with spina bifida and living her life paralyzed from the waist down, she demonstrated extraordinary determination, compassion, and perseverance throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ann Nichols never allowed her physical challenges to define her, but instead became widely known throughout the Clover and Halifax County communities for her kindness, civic involvement, and unwavering dedication to helping others; and

WHEREAS, during her youth, Jennifer served as an ambassador for the Halifax County March of Dimes under the leadership of the late Walter Brayboy and became an advocate for accessibility and equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, while attending school, Jennifer successfully petitioned Congressman Virgil Goode to secure the right to obtain a learner's permit and worked with school administration, including Principal Albert Randolph, to ensure accessibility accommodations were made so she could cross the graduation stage alongside her classmates; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer continued her education at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center and the South Boston campus, earning an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in General Studies, being inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and pursuing additional studies through Old Dominion University with aspirations of becoming an elementary school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer dedicated herself to numerous charitable, educational, religious, and civic causes, including service through FBLA, Habitat for Humanity, SADD, SCA, Young Republicans, the Halifax County Red Cross, The Salvation Army, HCCA fundraisers, God's Pit Crew collections,

Angel Tree programs, and tutoring programs for local children through Clover Church of God of Prophecy, where she also taught Sunday school and served as a youth leader; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ann Nichols became a passionate and tireless advocate for the preservation, restoration, and reopening of the Highway 92 bridge in Clover following its closure in 2007, recognizing the bridge as both a vital connection for the community and an important part of the town's historic identity; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer organized petitions, gathered documentation, contacted local and state officials, communicated with the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Governor's Office, Halifax County officials, and Delegate James Edmunds, and worked persistently to ensure the bridge and the needs of the Clover community were not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer's advocacy reflected her deep love for her hometown and her belief that one person's commitment and perseverance could make a meaningful difference in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Ann Nichols tragically passed away on February 3, 2021, due to complications related to COVID-19 before seeing the rebuilding of the bridge she fought so hard to preserve; and

WHEREAS, naming the Highway 92 bridge in Clover in honor of Jennifer Ann Nichols would serve as a lasting tribute to her life, her service to Halifax County, her advocacy for accessibility and community improvement, and her unwavering dedication to the people of Clover;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned respectfully request that the upcoming Highway 92 bridge in Clover, Virginia, be officially named and dedicated as the **"Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge"** in recognition of her lifelong service, civic engagement, advocacy, and enduring impact on the Clover community; and

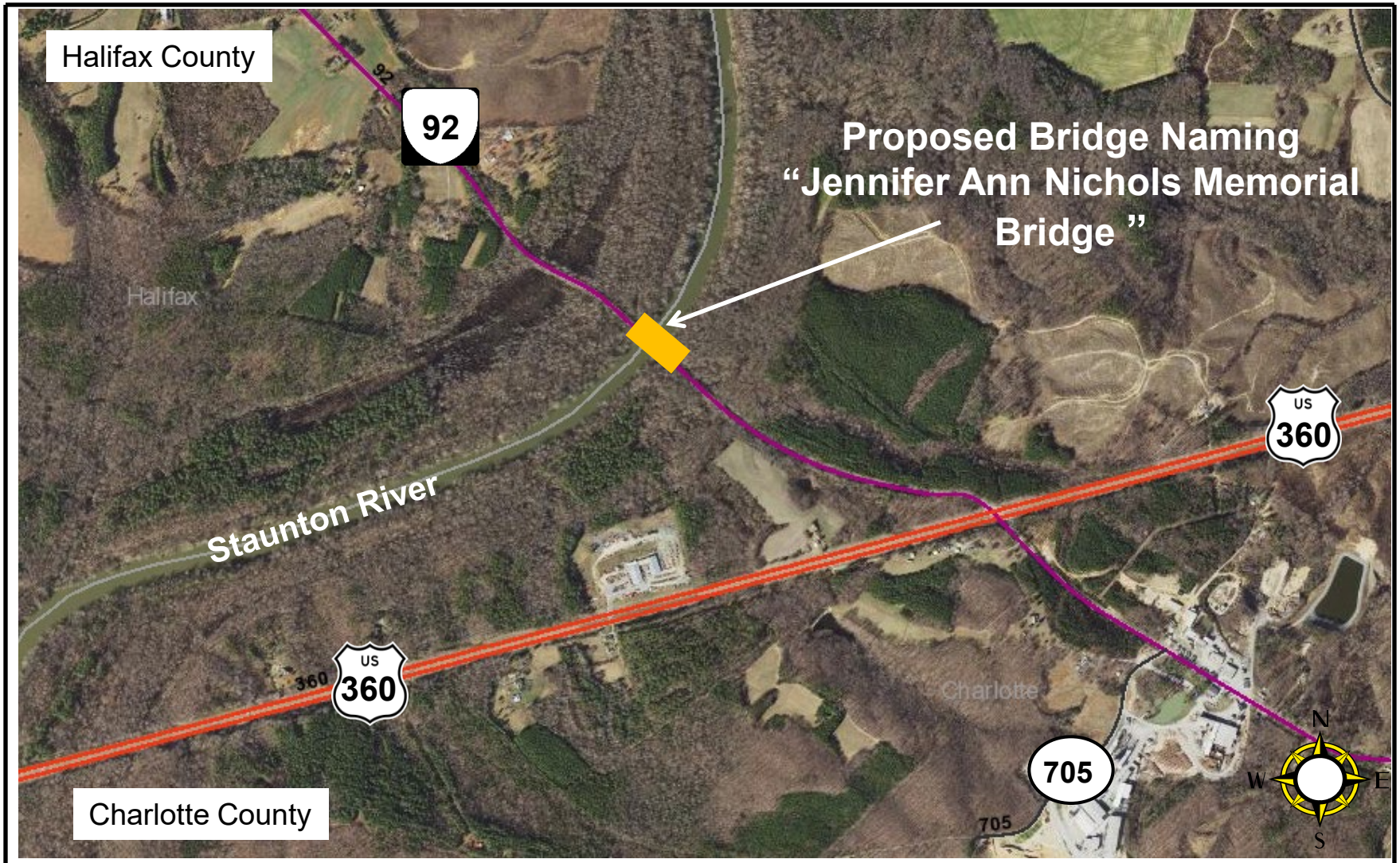
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this designation would stand as a permanent reminder of Jennifer Ann Nichols' compassion, perseverance, and devotion to the community she loved and faithfully served.

Adopted this 1st day of June, 2026.

Larry Roller, Chairman
Halifax County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Verron "Ron" Brade Clerk
Halifax County Board of Supervisors



VDOT
Virginia Department of Transportation
Maintenance Division
CTB MEETING: July 22, 2026

Charlotte / Halifax County

Proposed Bridge Naming:

"Jennifer Ann Nichols Memorial Bridge"