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UPSHUR COUNTY, TX.

Resolution No. 2025-02
In Support of Naming FM Road 852 Bridge
(Petty Officer Billy Machen Bridge)

BY _____
DEPUTY

WHEREAS, Upshur County native Billy Machen served with the United States Navy SEAL Team One as a Petty Officer in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Billy Machen was killed while in the service of SEAL Team One in the Republic of Vietnam on August 19, 1966 when he was leading a fateful mission as point man for SEAL Team One detachment, acting selflessly stepping into hostile fire and paying the ultimate sacrifice to spare the lives of other service members; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Billy Machen was awarded the Silver Star and will forever be remembered for his valued and noble service to the United States of America and to his fellow comrades; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Billy Machen should ever be remembered in sacrificing his life to the ideas of freedom and liberty in the service of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Camp Billy Machen was dedicated on October 17, 2024 as a memorial to this brave warrior and the sacrifice he made to his country and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire and honor of the citizens of Upshur County, Texas to requests the further memorialization of Petty Officer Billy Machen by dedicating the bridge which crosses Lake Gilmer on FM 852 as "Petty Officer Billy Machen Bridge".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Upshur County Commissioners Court, for the foregoing reasons, requests the Texas Legislature to mark, name and memorialize Petty Officer Billy Machen by renaming the FM 852 bridge as the "Petty Officer Billy Machen Bridge" and that signage appropriately naming said bridge be placed there by the Texas Department of Transportation, and that said bridge shall ever be named and registered as such; and

WHEREAS, be it further resolved that the Upshur County Commissioners Court on behalf of its citizens, does hereby request that our Honorable State Senator and State Representative, whether both or either of them, submit legislation accordingly to accomplish this request.

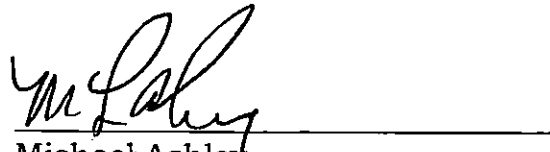
APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Upshur County
Commissioners Court on this the 31 day of JAN,
2025.



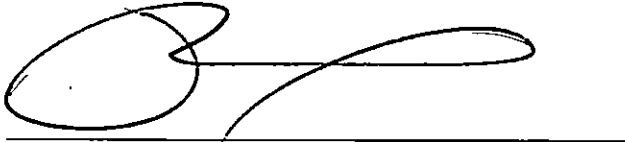
Todd Tefteller
Upshur County Judge



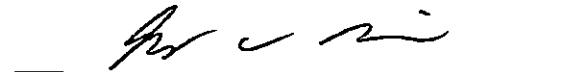
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