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The regular meeting of the Botetourt County Board of Supervisors was held on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at the Botetourt County Administration Center in Daleville, Virginia, beginning at 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Dr. Donald M. Scothorn, Chairman
Dr. Richard G. Bailey, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Steve Clinton
Mrs. Amy S. White
Mr. Billy W. Martin, Sr.

ABSENT: Members: None

There being no further discussion, on motion by Mr. Clinton, seconded by Mr. Martin, and carried by the following recorded vote, the Board adopted the following resolution requesting the placement of a Virginia Department of Historical Resources marker for Mr. Norvel LaFayette Ray Lee near the U. S. Route 220/Route 622 intersection in the Gala area.

AYES: Mr. Clinton, Mrs. White, Mr. Martin, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Scothorn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Resolution Number 21-08-03

WHEREAS, Mr. Norvel LaFayette Ray Lee was born on September 22, 1924, in Eagle Rock located in Botetourt County and graduated from Academy Hill School in Fincastle; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee received military training at the prestigious Tuskegee Institute, serving his country in the Army Air Forces in the Pacific during WWII, and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel from the U. S. Air Force Reserves in 1982; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee attended Howard University where he received a bachelor's degree and later obtained a master's degree in adult education from Federal City College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee fought for civil rights in America and equality for all and in 1949 won a landmark civil rights case regarding segregation on passenger trains in Virginia; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee was also a talented boxer and won the national Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) heavyweight title in 1950 and 1951, won national Golden Gloves titles in 1950 and 1952 and went on to earn an Olympic gold medal in boxing at the 1952 XV Olympiad in Helsinki, Finland, and a silver medal at the

1955 Pan American Games in Mexico City; he served as the chairman of the District of Columbia's Boxing Commission from 1964 to 1968 and the Commission's chief judge; and was elected to the District of Columbia's Boxing Hall of Fame; and

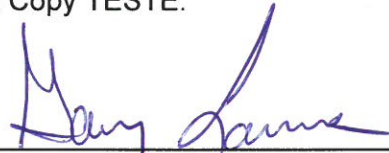
WHEREAS, Mr. Lee devoted his life to serving others and his country in the military; he shaped the lives of students by improving education and mentoring youth that he counseled in Washington, D.C., as well as working in adult education; in 1969 Lee became director of adult and continuing education at Federal City College and in 1974 he joined the Baltimore City public school system as coordinator of community and adult education; Lee was also the president of the National Child Day Care Association; and in 1979 he joined the D.C. Office of Emergency Preparedness, retiring in 1991 as its radiological defense officer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee also served as a Washington, D.C., cab driver for 30 years and was president of the Diplomat Cab Association; Lee lived to the age of 67, passing away in Bethesda, Maryland, on August 19, 1992;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Botetourt County, in accordance with Section 33.2-213 of the *Code of Virginia*, does hereby request that Mr. Norvel LaFalette Ray Lee be recognized by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) through the erection of a historical marker celebrating his life and contributions to Botetourt County and the United States of America to be located along the east side of U. S. Route 220, near the intersection with State Route 622, approximately 2 miles from Lee's childhood home.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Botetourt County will work with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to construct and erect the monument to pay tribute to the legacy of this great native of Botetourt County.

A Copy TESTE:



Mr. Gary Larowe
Botetourt County Administrator