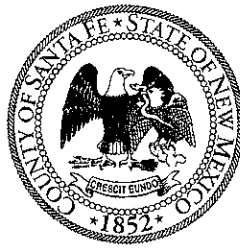


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# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 26, 2012

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**FR:** Rita B. Maes, Constituent Services Liaison on behalf of Commissioner Vigil

**RE:** Resolution dedicating Santa Fe County South Meadows Bridge as the  
*"Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry" Bridge*

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## Item and Issue:

Commissioner Vigil is pleased to bring forth a Resolution in honor of Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry (SFC Petry) and ask approval to dedicate the South Meadows Bridge in his name.

## Background Summary:

In May, 2008, while assigned to the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, Sergeant First Class Leroy Petry lost his right hand and suffered shrapnel wounds after throwing an armed grenade away from his fellow Rangers in Paktya, Afghanistan.

His courageous actions occurred during combat operations against an armed enemy during a rare daylight raid to capture a high-value target.

SFC Petry displayed great personal bravery and self-sacrifice by risking his life to save his fellow Rangers and was awarded the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty by President Barack Obama on July 12, 2011.

## Action Recommendation:

Commissioner Vigil respectfully request approval for same.

**SANTA FE COUNTY  
RESOLUTION No. 2012-**

**A RESOLUTION DEDICATING  
SANTA FE COUNTY SOUTH MEADOWS BRIDGE AS THE  
“SERGEANT FIRST CLASS LEROY ARTHUR PETRY” BRIDGE**

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**WHEREAS**, Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry (“SFC Petry”) was born in Santa Fe, New Mexico on July 29, 1979;

**WHEREAS**, SFC Petry attended elementary, middle and high school in Santa Fe;

**WHEREAS**, his first two years of high school were troubled to the point that he was close to failing;

**WHEREAS**, as a sophomore, he transferred to St. Catherine’s Indian School, where his life was turned around and for his efforts he earned a Bootstrap Award, an award that honors high school seniors who are committed to improving themselves and their communities;

**WHEREAS**, SFC Petry was a member of the last graduating class of St. Catherine’s Indian School in 1998;

**WHEREAS**, after high school SFC Petry spent the next year studying at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, New Mexico until he joined the Army in 1999;

**WHEREAS**, SFC Petry attended basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Benning, Georgia;

**WHEREAS**, SFC Petry completed multiple combat tours to Afghanistan and Iraq totaling 28 months of deployment;

**WHEREAS**, in Paktya, Afghanistan in May, 2008, while assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment, SFC Petry lost his right hand and suffered shrapnel wounds after throwing an armed grenade away from his fellow Rangers;

**WHEREAS**, his courageous actions occurred during combat operations against an armed

enemy during a rare daylight raid to capture a high-value target;

**WHEREAS**, SFC Petry displayed great personal bravery and self-sacrifice by risking his life to save his fellow Rangers;

**WHEREAS**, on July 12, 2011, President Barack Obama awarded SFC Petry the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty;

**WHEREAS**, SFC Petry will be the second living, active duty service member to be awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in Afghanistan; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to the Medal of Honor, SFC Petry has earned several military decorations which include two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, three Army Commendation Medals, two Army Achievement Medals, National Defense Service Medal, three Army Good Conduct Medals, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Combat Star, and the Iraq Campaign Medal with Combat Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA FE** that the South Meadows Bridge which crosses the Santa Fe River and connects to the National Historic Trail known as El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro—the Royal Road to the Interior Lands, which brought the first expeditions to New Mexico is hereby dedicated and shall henceforth be known as the “Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry Bridge” in honor of the courageous actions of Leroy Arthur Petry, Sergeant First Class in the United States Army and successful nominee of the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Santa Fe County Public Works Department is directed to obtain and place a sign at the bridge that reads:

**Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry Bridge  
United States Medal of Honor Recipient  
For his Conspicuous Gallantry and Intrepidity Above and Beyond the Call of Duty**

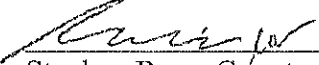
**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this**

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Liz Stefanics, Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Valerie Espinoza, County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Stephen Ross, County Attorney

SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2012-\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION  
APPROVING EXPENDITURE OF \$100,000  
FROM THE GRT CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECTS LISTS  
FOR MONUMENT SIGNS AND SIGNAGE ACCESSORIES  
FOR THE AGUA FRIA VILLAGE GATEWAY ENTRANCE AND THE SERGEANT  
FIRST CLASS LEROY PETRY BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2012, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved the “Quick Start GRT Capital Projects List,” which included allocation of \$1,000,000 for Commission Priorities;

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Agua Fria was designated as a Traditional Historic Community by the Board of Santa Fe County Commissioners;

**WHEREAS**, the original route of El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, a National Historic Trail, runs through the heart of the Village of Agua Fria, a community which developed along the section of the El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro named Agua Fria Road;

**WHEREAS**, community residents and Commission District 2 have identified two priority issues, traffic calming along Agua Fria Street and creating visible entrances into the Village of Agua Fria;

**WHEREAS**, Santa Fe County has partnered with the National Park Service’s National Historic Trails Office to develop conceptual designs for monument gateway signs marking the entrance to Agua Fria Village on El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro;

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Trail Association, the Camino Real de Tierra Adentro Trail Association, and the Old Spanish Trail Association will all host their 2015 conventions in Santa Fe for the first time ever, and the Associations recognize the importance of Santa Fe as the historic confluence of these three national historic trails;

**WHEREAS**, the South Meadows Bridge crosses the Santa Fe River and connects to El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro—the Royal Road to the Interior Lands;

**WHEREAS**, on November 27, 2012, the Board of County Commissioners renamed the South Meadows Bridge in honor of Medal of Honor Recipient Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of County Commissioners authorizes expenditure of \$100,000 from the “Quick Start GRT Projects List” for monument signs and accessory lettering for the Agua Fria Village gateway entrance and the Sergeant First Class Leroy Arthur Petry Bridge.

Petry Bridge.

**APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED, ON THIS \_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2012.**

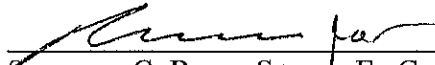
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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LIZ STEFANICS, CHAIR

**ATTEST:**

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VALERIE ESPINOZA, SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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STEPHEN C. ROSS, SANTA FE COUNTY ATTORNEY

NO PACKET MATERIAL  
FOR THIS ITEM