

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6799

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. LORINO

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL STAFF

RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE LOUISIANA  
LEGISLATURE DESIGNATE THE I-12 BRIDGE OVER THE TCHEFUNCTE  
RIVER "PATRICIA 'PAT' BRISTER MEMORIAL BRIDGE".

WHEREAS, the members of the State Legislature have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memories of those citizens who during their lifetimes contributed significantly to progress and prosperity in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, former St. Tammany Parish President Patricia "Pat" Brister was one such citizen; and

WHEREAS, Pat Brister was an exceptional public servant, serving in leadership roles in nonprofits, local government, the United Nations, and the Republican Party on a local, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, she was a role model and trailblazer for women in Louisiana politics who possessed the ability to bring people together and address big issues regardless of any difference of opinion, for the betterment of her community; and

WHEREAS, the former Parish President worked tirelessly for years to secure funding to widen I-12, especially heeding the call after the May 26, 2018 fatal crash on I-12 over the Tchefuncte River; and

WHEREAS, in June of 2018 President Brister met with state Department of Transportation and Development Secretary Shawn Wilson who committed to give the Interstate 12 corridor "first in line funding"; and

WHEREAS, after tirelessly pushing for funding including meeting with U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao, President Brister announced the Parish was awarded \$25 million in federal funds to upgrade Interstate 12 near the site of the fatal crash, combining the federal funds with \$7.2 million from St. Tammany Parish and at least \$3.8 million from the state to move the project forward; and

WHEREAS, considering this leadership and dedication, it is fitting and proper to name that span of I-12 after her.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES, to urge and request the Louisiana State Legislature name the bridge on I-12 over the Tchefuncte River the "Patricia 'Pat' Brister Memorial Bridge" and erect appropriate markers or signs at the bridge containing these words.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF AUGUST,  
2023 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING  
PRESENT AND VOTING.

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JACOB "JAKE" A. AIREY, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK