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***Senate
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Testimony of Senator Donna Bailey introducing
**LD 672, Resolve, to Rename Salmon Falls Bridge in Buxton
the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge**
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Esteemed Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, my name is Donna Bailey, and I proudly represent Senate District 31, which includes Buxton, Old Orchard Beach, and Saco. Today, I am pleased to introduce my bill LD 672, “Resolve, to Rename Salmon Falls Bridge in Buxton the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge.” It directs the Department of Transportation to rename Salmon Falls Bridge in Buxton and Hollis the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge.

In the days leading up to cloture, the Hon. Ben Chipman, my former Senate colleague who used to be the Chair of this committee, approached me and told me the story of Calista Cross. I’m sure that many of you are familiar with Calista and her heroic efforts to rename bridges and recognize veterans across Maine. You’ve likely already worked on several of her bridge renaming bills this session.

With LD 672, we have the opportunity to rename another bridge: the Salmon Falls Bridge in Buxton and Hollis. As the State Senator representing Buxton, I am honored to sponsor this bill. Believe it or not, prior to this year, I had never renamed a bridge. Now, I’m involved with renaming three: The Captain Christopher S. Cash Memorial Bridge in Old Orchard Beach and Saco, the General Wallace H. Nutting Memorial Bridge in Biddeford and Saco, and – with your support – the Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge in Buxton and Hollis.

I am not sure if Calista will be present today. When I reached out to her, she said that she has to monitor the weather before she considers making the trip to the State House. Regardless, I am including the letters of support, which Calista worked on, from both Buxton and Hollis to rename the Salmon Falls Bridge.

As lawmakers, we serve on different committees and work on many bills. With this particular one, I am pleased to help honor Maine’s veterans. Whether residents or visitors, people who see these bridge names will remember the brave men and women who served in the armed forces. In this way, we will not forget their patriotism and sacrifice. We can demonstrate our gratitude for their efforts to protect our freedoms and rights.

I thank the Committee for its time, and I would be happy to answer any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large loop followed by a series of smaller loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Senator Ben Chipman
Chair, Transportation Committee
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Re: Bridge Name Change Request

Dear Senator Chipman:

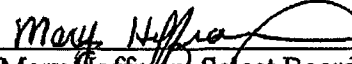
The Hollis Select Board met with Calista Cross on the 31st of July, 2024 to discuss her proposal to change the name of the Salmon Falls Bridge-BR 3708 to "Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge."

Since the bridge is shared with the Town of Buxton, Ms. Cross also met with the Buxton Board of Selectmen and conveyed that they were in favor of renaming the Salmon Falls Bridge-BR 3708 to "Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge."

The Hollis Select Board is unanimously in favor of this name change. We encourage your committee to expedite this change as soon as the committee is able.

Thank you in advance for your support of this request.

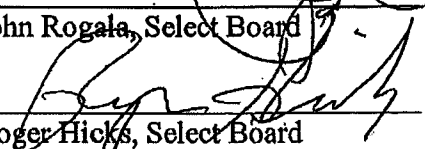
Respectfully,



Mary Hoffman, Select Board Chair



John Rogala, Select Board



Roger Hicks, Select Board

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Senator Ben Chipman,

Good day, Senator Chipman. We were approached by local resident Calista Cross with the proposal that we dedicate the name of one of our bridges in honor of our veterans. We unanimously support this initiative and request that bridge BR3708, currently called Salmon Falls Bridge, be changed to the "Salmon Falls Veterans Memorial Bridge." We sincerely hope that the State will grant this request.

Sincerely,

David A. Field
Chair, Buxton Selectboard