

RESOLUTION  
NO. 2019-03

A RESOLUTION  
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA REQUESTING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO CONSIDER NAMING THE NEW PENSACOLA BAY BRIDGE THE GENERAL DANIEL “CHAPPIE” JAMES, JR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. was born in Pensacola, Florida on February 11, 1920 ; and

WHEREAS, as a young African American male growing up in Pensacola, the Cradle of Naval Aviation, he dreamed of one day flying and was encouraged by his mother, Lillie A. James to never give up on his dream; and

WHEREAS, following his graduation from Booker T. Washington High School, General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. attended Tuskegee Institute where he joined the Army Air Corps and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the famed Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American pilots of the U. S. Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished military career, where he flew 101 combat missions in the Korean Conflict, 78 combat missions over North Vietnam, and became the first African-American four-star General in the United States Air Force, General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. never gave up his fight for equal rights and instilled in many young pilots patriotism, strong work ethics, and a desire of achievement through hard work and self-reliance; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Florida Legislature consider naming the new Pensacola Bay Bridge the General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. Memorial Bridge in his honor. NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Council of the City of Pensacola requests the Florida Legislature to consider naming the new Pensacola Bay Bridge the General Daniel “Chappie” James, Jr. Memorial Bridge during the 2019 legislative session.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this Resolution be provided to the Senate President, the Speaker of the House and members of the local Legislative Delegation.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
President of City Council

Attest:

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City Clerk