



## RESOLUTION NO. 40437

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BLOCKER  
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3 A RESOLUTION renaming the 34th Street Bridge, spanning State Route 7  
4 between East B Street and East D Street, to "Harold G. Moss Bridge."

5 WHEREAS in 2014 the City Council adopted an Equity and Empowerment  
6 framework which made equity a guiding principal across the organization, and  
7 committed the City to changing practices which created or sustained inequities,  
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9 WHEREAS the City Council adopted Resolution No. 40408 on August 20,  
10 2019, which amended the City's policy on place names and name changes, with  
11 one of the primary recommendations for updating this policy being to align it with  
12 guiding City principals by including the concepts of equity, diversity, and inclusion  
13 when considering place names and name changes throughout the City, and

14 WHEREAS this policy amendment provided the Mayor and City Council with  
15 the authority to make naming proposals, and

16 WHEREAS Mayor Emeritus Harold G. Moss ("Mayor Moss") became the  
17 first African-American City Council member when he was appointed in 1971, and

18 WHEREAS Mayor Moss was subsequently re-elected three times, and  
19 served over a decade as a dedicated member of the City Council, and

20 WHEREAS Mayor Moss became the first African-American Mayor to hold  
21 office in the City when he was appointed on January 25, 1994, and

22 WHEREAS during his tenure with the City, Mayor Moss served in a broad  
23 range of leadership roles, including: the Association of Washington Cities  
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1 Executive Board; the Law Enforcement Support Agency Board; the National  
2 League of Cities; the Pierce Transit Board of Commissioners; the Public Safety  
3 Committee; the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health; the SR509 Executive  
4 Committee; the Puyallup Indian Settlement Implementation Assistance Committee;  
5 the Tacoma-Pierce County Commission on Children, Youth, and their Families;  
6 and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, and  
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8 WHEREAS Mayor Moss also made history in his lifetime of service by being  
9 the first African-American member of the Pierce County Council, and  
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11 WHEREAS Mayor Moss has made countless contributions to the  
12 community, and in all his roles, he provided mentorship and support to a number of  
13 developing leaders across the region, and continues to engage and inspire a living  
14 legacy of those dedicated to public service, civic engagement, and volunteering,  
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17 WHEREAS in congruence with the City's naming policy, and the Equity and  
18 Empowerment framework, it is recommended that the 34th Street Bridge, spanning  
19 SR7 between East B Street and East D Street, be named "Harold G. Moss Bridge,"  
20 so that the lights on the bridge may stand as a shining monument to the ways that  
21 Tacoma is brighter today due to the leadership and countless contributions of  
22 Mayor Moss, and so that others may be inspired to lives of service and civic  
23 engagement;  
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the 34th Street Bridge, spanning SR7 between East B Street and East D Street (Structure ID Number 08512700), be renamed "Harold G. Moss Bridge," consistent with the guidelines set forth in the City Council Policy on Place Names and Name Changes.

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney