

HOUSE No. 3887

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balsler and Byron Rushing

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act renaming the Yawkey commuter rail station on the Worcester–Framingham line.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i>	<i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>

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By Representatives Balser of Newton and Rushing of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Ruth B. Balser, Byron Rushing and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to renaming the Yawkey commuter rail station. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act renaming the Yawkey commuter rail station on the Worcester–Framingham line.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the
2 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority shall eliminate the designation Yawkey from the
3 Yawkey commuter rail station on the Worcester–Framingham line.

4 SECTION 2. (a) There shall be a special commission to study and make
5 recommendations to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority regarding a new name for
6 the Yawkey commuter rail station on the Worcester–Framingham line that is consistent with and
7 reflects the values of the commonwealth. The commission shall consist of the following
8 members or their designees: the Secretary of Transportation, or her designee, who will serve as
9 the Commission’s chairperson; 2 members appointed by the Speaker of the House; 2 members
10 appointed by the Senate President; the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on
11 transportation; 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; 1
12 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; and 3 members appointed by the

13 governor: 1 of whom shall be an expert in the history of the commonwealth with a particular
14 expertise in racial justice; 1 of whom shall be a member of the community of the Fenway section
15 of the city of Boston; and 1 of whom shall be an expert in the history of sports; the Owner of the
16 Red Sox Organization or his designee; the President of the Boston Chapter of the National
17 Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or her designee; the President of the Boston
18 Landmarks Commission, or her designee.

19 (b) The commission may hold public meetings and fact-finding hearings as it considers
20 necessary; provided, that the commission shall consider: (1) the commonwealth's values of equal
21 rights and social and economic justice and (2) individuals, communities, and organizations which
22 advocate for said values. The commission shall file its report and recommendations with the
23 clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation
24 Authority not later than July 1, 2018.