

HOUSE No. 2964

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balsler

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>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Balsler of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2964) of Ruth B. Balsler and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to renaming the Yawkey commuter rail station. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3887 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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.