

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: PCB TPS 16-03 Transportation Facility Designations

SPONSOR(S): Transportation & Ports Subcommittee

TIED BILLS: **IDEN./SIM. BILLS:**

REFERENCE	ACTION	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR or BUDGET/POLICY CHIEF
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SUMMARY ANALYSIS

State law provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities, nor does the law require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The bill makes the following designations and directs the Department of Transportation to erect markers:

Bay County-Colonel William W. Wood Memorial Highway.

Brevard County-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway

Broward County-Candice Ellize Francois Street and Potter's Field Memorial Highway.

Collier County-Mary Ellen Hawkins Street.

Columbia County-Sergeant Alfonso Lofton Memorial Highway

Escambia County-Lance Corporal Steven A. Brown Memorial Highway.

Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties-State Representative C. V. "Clay" Ford Memorial Bridge.

Franklin County-Specialist Fourth Class Robert Clifford Millender Memorial Highway.

Gulf County- Dr. Pat's Alley

Hendry County-Sam Jones Trail.

Hillsborough County- Barkett Memorial Road, Gonzmart Memorial Road, Judge E.J. Salcines Way, Nick Capitano Memorial Road, Pepin Memorial Road, Jim Holmes Road, and Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas Memorial Highway.

Lake County-Sergeant Marvin L. Roberts Memorial Highway and Tera Ross Memorial Interchange.

Lee County-Caloosahatchee Bridge, Coach Jeff Summer Memorial Highway, and Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand Memorial Highway.

Leon County-Danny A. Pino Way and C.K. Steele Memorial Highway.

Levy County-Deputy Sheriff Atticus Haygood Ellzey Memorial Highway.

Manatee County-Tiffany Marie Olson Memorial Highway.

Marion County-Elizabeth Inez and Elijah Davis Highway.

Miami-Dade County-Virginia Gardens Boulevard, Reverend Wilner Maxy Street, Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Road, Georgia Jones-Ayers Street, Robert "Bobby" Parker, Sr., Memorial Highway, Trooper Patrick Ambrose Memorial Highway, Lee Klein Way, Patriot Way, Mr. Luis Fernando Brande Street, Horacio S. Garcia Street, Lance Corporal Antonio Matas-Sosa Way, Lorenzo de Toro Way, and Jose E. "Gene" Miranda Way

Nassau County-Emmitt G. Coakley Memorial Highway.

Orange County-Deputy Scott Pine Way, Reverend Kenneth C. Crossman Bridge, and Borinqueneer Boulevard

Pinellas County-Officer Charles "Charlie K." Kondek Memorial Highway.

Polk County-Maria Isabel Barajas-Martinez Memorial Highway.

Taylor County-Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge.

Volusia County-David G. Ledgerwood Memorial Highway and John Jacob "JJ" Curry Memorial Highway.

The bill has an estimated negative fiscal impact of approximately \$51,000 on the State Transportation Trust Fund which is the cost to DOT to erect the markers specified in the bill.

The bill has an effective date of July 1, 2016.

This document does not reflect the intent or official position of the bill sponsor or House of Representatives.

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FULL ANALYSIS

I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

A. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Current Situation

Section 334.071, F.S., provides for legislative designations of transportation facilities for honorary or memorial purposes, or to distinguish a particular facility. The legislative designations do not officially change the current names of the facilities, nor does the statute require local governments and private entities to change street signs, mailing addresses, or 911 emergency telephone-number system listings.

The statute requires DOT to place a marker at each termini or intersection of an identified road or bridge, and to erect other markers it deems appropriate for the transportation facility. The statute also provides that a city or county must pass a resolution in support of a particular designation before road markers are erected. Additionally, if the designated road segment extends through multiple cities or counties, a resolution must be passed by each affected local government.

Proposed Changes

The bill creates numerous honorary designations for various transportation facilities.

Subsection 1 designates that portion of the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike/S.R. 821 between Milepost 34 and Milepost 36 in Miami-Dade County as "Trooper Patrick Ambroise Memorial Highway."

Trooper Patrick Ambroise was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol killed in the line of duty. On May 15, 2010, at 8:34 p.m., Trooper Ambroise was occupying his patrol vehicle which was parked on the shoulder of northbound S.R. 821. A passing vehicle veered to the right onto the paved emergency shoulder and impacted the left rear section of Trooper Ambroise's patrol vehicle; Trooper Ambroise was killed as a result. Trooper Ambroise served the citizens of Florida, with the Florida Highway Patrol for four years and was 35 years old at the time of his death.

Subsection 2 designates that portion of S.R. 655/Lake Shipp Drive between S.R. 620 and U.S. 17/S.R. 55 in Polk County as "Maria Isabel Barajas-Martinez Memorial Highway."

Maria Isabel Barajas-Martinez was the founder of the Young American Dreamers Group and an activist in numerous organizations advocating for immigrant rights, community service, youth scholarships, food pantries, and many other contributions to central Florida communities. She passed away in a weather related traffic accident on June 24, 2012, at the age of 21.

Subsection 3 designates that portion of Old Water Street between South Franklin Street and Channelside Drive in Hillsborough County as "Barkett Memorial Road."

The Barkett family is prominent in the petroleum industry and currently owns an oil blending and packaging facility in Tampa. Its Amalie Oil Company is the largest independently owned lubricant marketer, manufacturer, and packaging company in the United States.

Subsection 4 designates that portion of S.R. 80 between Hickey Creek Road and Carter Lane in Lee County as "Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand Memorial Highway."

Corporal Joseph R. Bertrand was member of the Florida Highway Patrol killed in the line of duty. On December 22, 1967, Corporal Bertrand was shot and killed by a violator while conducting a driving under the influence investigation on S.R. 80 in Fort Myers. Corporal Bertrand had served the citizens of Florida, with the Florida Highway Patrol, for 16 years and was 46 years of age at the time of his death.

Subsection 5 designates that portion of S.R. 436/Semorán Boulevard between Lake Underhill Road and Hoffner Avenue in Orange County as "Borinqueneer Boulevard."

The 65th Infantry Regiment, nicknamed the "Borinqueneers, from the original Taíno name of the island (Borinquen), is a Puerto Rican Regiment of the United States Army. The 65th Infantry Regiment participated in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and in the War on Terror. The 65th Infantry Regiment was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2014.

Subsection 6 designates that portion of S.W. 20th Street between S.R. 933/S.W. 12th Avenue and S.W. 13th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Mr. Luis Fernando Brande Street."

Luis Fernando Brande was born in Havana, Cuba on May 30, 1954, and emigrated to Miami in November 1961. He played baseball for Miami-Dade Community College, and for the University of Miami, where he was a member of Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honors Society and received a bachelor's degree in Education. After many years of mentoring, teaching, and coaching baseball at both the K-12 and college level, including a trip to Omaha as a Graduate Assistant for the Mississippi State Bulldogs in 1978, he was diagnosed with Bulbar Onset ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in October 2012.

Subsection 7 designates that portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10A between S.R. 742/Creighton Road and Summit Boulevard in Escambia County as "Lance Corporal Steven A. Brown Memorial Highway."

Lance Corporal Steven A. Brown grew up in Pensacola. He voluntarily joined the Marines in 1966 and served two tours in Vietnam. He died in Vietnam on July 4, 1967. He received numerous military honors including the Purple Heart.

Subsection 8 designates bridge no. 120002 over the Caloosahatchee River on U.S. 41/S.R. 45/Cleveland Avenue in Lee County as the "Caloosahatchee Bridge."

The Caloosahatchee River is located in southwest Florida and is approximately 67 miles long. It drains rural areas on the northern edge of the Everglades, east of Fort Myers. An important link in the Okeechobee Waterway, a manmade inland waterway system of southern Florida, the river forms a tidal estuary along most of its course and has recently become the subject of efforts to restore and preserve the Everglades.

Subsection 9 designates that portion of East 9th Avenue between North 13th Street and North 14th Street as "Nick Capitano Memorial Road."

Nick Capitano was a prominent Tampa business man who founded Radiant Oil Co. in 1931. He was also involved in numerous charitable causes in the Tampa community. He passed away in May 2014 at the age of 98.

Subsection 10 designates that portion of U.S. 1/S.R. 15 between 5th Avenue and Old Dixie Highway in Nassau County as "Emmitt G. Coakley Memorial Highway."

Emmitt G. Coakley was a long-time educator in Nassau County and member of the Nassau County Planning and Zoning Board. He also served two years in the United States Army and graduated from Bethune-Cookman College. He passed away on March 6, 2014.

Subsection 11 designates SunRail Bridge number 750255 over U.S. 17/92/S.R. 15 in Orange County as "Reverend Kenneth C. Crossman Bridge."

Reverend Kenneth C. Crossman was religious leader and civil rights activist. He died September 4, 2004.

Subsection 12 designates that portion of U.S. 17/S.R. 15 between Golden Hills Boulevard and Lake Winona Road in Volusia County as "John Jacob 'JJ' Curry Memorial Highway."

John Jacob "JJ" Curry was a Volusia County firefighter who was killed during a training exercise on November 27, 2007.

Subsection 13 designates that portion of S.R. 35/NE 58th Avenue between County Road 314/NE 7th Street and SE 20th Street in Marion County as "Elizabeth Inez and Elijah Davis Highway."

Elizabeth Inez Davis was a devoted children's advocate and community leader in the Ocala area. She founded the Mount Canaan Community Youth Center. She passed away on December 6, 2002. Elijah Davis volunteered for over 60 years at the Mount Canaan Community Youth Center and still volunteers at the age of 101.

Subsection 14 designates portion of the northern egress lane of S.R. 30-A between S.R. 30-A and U.S. 98/S.R. 30 in Gulf County as "Dr. Pat's Alley."

Dr. Pat Hardman has served on many committees and advisory boards over the years, and her valuable and knowledgeable input into county operations has made numerous positive impacts for the citizens of Gulf County. She was responsible for initiating the northern egress lane of S.R. 30-A at U.S. 98.

Subsection 15 designates that portion of U.S. 19/98/S.R. 55 between North Otter Creek Avenue and S.E. 1st Avenue in Levy County as "Deputy Sheriff Atticus Haygood Ellzey Memorial Highway."

Deputy Sheriff Atticus Haygood Ellzey was a Levy County deputy sheriff who was shot and killed in the line of duty on January 28, 1945. In 1953, the Senate introduced SB 1953 to honor his death and to provide relief for his wife and 13 children.

Subsection 16 designates upon completion of construction, the bridge replacing bridge number 480035 between Gulf Breeze and Pensacola on U.S. 98/S.R. 30 in Santa Rosa and Escambia Counties as "State Representative C.V. 'Clay' Ford Memorial Bridge."

State Representative C.V. "Clay" Ford served in the United States Army as an infantry officer and retired as a full Colonel. He served in the Arkansas House of Representatives in the 1970s. From 1990 through 2006 he was a councilman for the City of Gulf Breeze, and Mayor Pro Tem from 2001 through 2006. He also served in the Florida House of Representatives from February 27, 2007, until his death on March 18, 2013.

Subsection 17 designates that portion of Palm Avenue between Pembroke Road and Miramar Parkway in Broward County as "Candice Ellize Francois Street."

Candice Ellize Francois was born on March 10, 1994 in Miami. She was in the International Baccalaureate Program in high school where she was involved in multiple school activities. Shortly after graduating from high school, she was diagnosed with a rare cancer of the jawbone. She passed away on October 26, 2014, at the age of 20

Subsection 18 designates that portion of N.W. 7th Street between S.R. 9/N.W. 27th Avenue and 37th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Horacio S. Garcia Street."

Born in Cuba, Horacio S. Garcia emigrated to Chicago in 1959 before moving to Miami in the early 1960's where he became a successful businessman, first owning and operating La Ferrolana and then becoming one of the first Hispanic McDonald's franchisees in America, eventually owning over a dozen stores. As a Cuban exile leader, he helped create the Cuban American National Foundation with Jorge Mas Canosa, the Cuban Liberty Council, and the Directorio Democratico Cubano.

Subsection 19 designates that portion of County Road 574/7th Avenue between North 20th Street and 22nd Street in Hillsborough County as "Gonzmart Memorial Road."

The Gonzmart's are descendants of the Hernandez family, which founded the Columbia Restaurant in Tampa in 1905, which is Florida's oldest restaurant. Members of the Gonzmart family currently own the Columbia Restaurant Group.

Subsection 20 designates that portion of Golden Gate Parkway between U.S. 41/S.R. 45/Tamiami Trail and County Road 851 in Collier County as "Mary Ellen Hawkins Street."

Mary Ellen Hawkins was Collier County's first female state representative. She served in the Florida House of Representatives from 1974 to 1994, and subsequently remained active in promoting and improving her community.

Subsection 21 designates that portion of N. MacDill Ave between W. Woodlawn Avenue and S.R. 574 in Hillsborough County as "Jim Holmes Road."

Jim Holmes is a religious and philanthropic leader in his community. He founded the Judeo Christian Health Clinic in 1972. This Clinic provides medical, dental, and ophthalmic care to individuals whom cannot afford or might not otherwise qualify for medical assistance.

Subsection 22 designates that portion of County Road 833 between S.R. 80 and the entrance to the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation in Hendry County as "Sam Jones Trail."

Sam Jones was a medicine man and a major leader of the Seminole Tribe of Florida through the three Seminole Wars.

Subsection 23 designates that portion of S.R. 9/N.W. 27th Avenue between S.R. 924/N.W. 119th Street and N.W. 106th Street in Miami-Dade County as "Georgia Jones-Ayers Street."

A community activist since the 1960's, Georgia Ayers was assigned to community relations boards and advisory boards to facilitate relations between the community and local police. Among Ms. Ayers' many contributions to the community, she founded the Alternative Program with a Miami-Dade Circuit judge in 1982, working with the court system to offer an alternative to jail time for people charged with felonies or nonviolent crimes. She also founded the area's Daily Bread Food Bank. She passed away on February 17, 2015.

Subsection 24 designates that portion of S.R. 519/Fiske Boulevard located within the corporate limits of the City of Rockledge in Brevard County as "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial Highway."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader in the Civil Rights Movement. He was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Subsection 25 designates that portion of S.R. 973/87th Avenue between S.R. 94/Kendell Drive and S.W. 92nd Street in Miami-Dade County as "Lee Klein Way."

Lee Klein began her career as a volunteer charity worker for children's causes in 1956. In 1965, she founded what is now known as the Children's Cancer Caring Center. She remains its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Subsection 26 designates that portion of U.S. 19A/S.R. 595 between Tarpon Avenue and the Pasco County line in Pinellas County as "Officer Charles 'Charlie K.' Kondek Memorial Highway."

Officer Charles "Charlie K." Kondek served on the Tarpon Springs Police Department for 17 years. He previously served on the New York City Police Department for five years. He was killed in the line of duty on December 21, 2014.

Subsection 27 designates that portion of S.R. 415 between Acorn Lake Road and Reed Ellis Road in Volusia County as "David G. Ledgerwood Memorial Highway."

David G. Ledgerwood was killed in Vietnam on April 29, 1968. He was posthumously promoted to the rank of sergeant and awarded the Bronze Star. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Subsection 28 designates that portion of I-10/S.R. 8 between the Suwannee County line and the Baker County line in Columbia County as "Sergeant Alfonso Lofton Memorial Highway."

Sergeant Alfonso Lofton honorably served in the Marine Corps for five years. On May 1, 1970, he became the Florida Highway Patrol's first African-American trooper. During his career, he was appointed to the FHP Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, received the Martin Luther King Brotherhood Award, and was honored by the State of Florida. His distinguished career was cut short by Multiple Sclerosis, which took his life on February 25, 1984 at the age of 39. On August 19, 1988, the Troop E Headquarters Station was dedicated to the memory of Trooper Alphonso Lofton.

Subsection 29 designates portion of S.W. 97th Avenue between Miller Drive/S.W. 56th Street and S.R. 968/S.W. 72nd Street/Sunset Drive in Miami-Dade County as "Lance Corporal Orlando Antonio Matas-Sosa Way."

Born in Cuba, Lance Corporal Orlando Antonio Matas-Sosa emigrated to the United States as part of Operation Peter Pan. He volunteered for the Marine Corps and served his country from 1968 to 1970, including over 11 months in Vietnam, where earned many medals including the Purple Heart. He spent his career working for the City of Coral Gables.

Subsection 30 designates that portion of N.E. 73rd Street between N.E. 2nd Avenue and N.E. 3rd Court in Miami-Dade County as "Reverend Wilner Maxy Street."

Reverend Wilner Maxy is a Haitian born reverend who ministers in low income and impoverished communities in Florida.

Subsection 31 designates that portion of U.S. 98/S.R. 30 between Ryan Drive/W. 11th Street and N.E./S.E. 12th Street in Franklin County as "SP4 Robert Clifford Millender Memorial Highway."

Specialist Fourth Class Robert Clifford Millender was killed in active duty during the Vietnam War on February, 14 1970. He was a recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Subsection 32 designates that portion of S.W. 24th Street between S.W. 97th Avenue and S.W. 102nd Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Jose E. 'Gene' Miranda Way."

Jose E. "Gene" Miranda was born in Cuba in 1928 and emigrated to Florida in 1960. A member of Brigade 2506, he was captured and spent approximately 20 months as a Cuban prisoner before returning to Florida in December 1962. In his career, he held many positions with the Kelly Tractor Company, and ran several successful parts export businesses of his own. He passed away on June 22, 2013 at the age of 85.

Subsection 33 designates upon completion of construction, bridge number 380096 on U.S. 221/S.R. 55 over the Econfina River in Taylor County as "Private First Class Joey Moody Bridge."

Private First Class Joey Moody grew up in Taylor County and was killed in Korea on June 21, 1952, when he was sent to repair a communications line. He was posthumously awarded the National Defense Medal, Korean Combat Medal, Korean Battle Medal, and the Purple Heart.

Subsection 34 designates that portion of N.W. 32nd Avenue between N.W. 87th Street and N.W. 83rd Street in Miami-Dade County as "Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Street,"

Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor was a podiatrist who also assisted in training new physicians. He also participated in several medical missions to Jamaica and Haiti. He passed away on February 23, 2015, at the age of 50.

Subsection 35 designates that portion of U.S. 19/S.R. 55 between U.S. 41/S.R. 45/Tamiami Trail and Palm View Road in Manatee in County as “Tiffany Marie Olson Memorial Highway”

Tiffany Marie Olson died in a traffic crash on December 7, 2005 on U.S. 19 between the Tamiami Trail and Palm View Road. Her mother, Christine Olson, began “TIFF – To Inform Families First”, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting emergency contact registration to help notify families in case of an emergency, in memory of her daughter.

Subsection 36 designates that portion of U.S. 441/S.R. 7 between N.W. 155th Lane and N.W. 151st Street in Miami-Dade County as Robert "Bobby" L. Parker, Sr., Memorial Highway.

Robert “Bobby” Parker, Sr. joined the Miami-Dade Police Department in 1976, where he served in every civil rank in the Department, from police officer to Captain, before being appointed through the ranks of Major, Chief and Assistant Director. On April 1, 2004, he became the first African-American Director of the Miami-Dade Police Department. He honorably served the Department and his community for 33 distinguished years.

Subsections 37 and 38 designate those portions of S.W. 89th and S.W. 92nd Avenues between S.W. 40th Street and S.W. 48th Street in Miami-Dade County as “Patriot Way.”

The Patriots is the mascot of the Florida Christian School, which has been serving the communities of West Miami-Dade County since 1968.

Subsection 39 designates that portion of S.R. 583/56th Street between S.R. 574/East Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard and Harney Road in Hillsborough County as “Pepin Memorial Road.”

Arthur Pepin founded Pepin Distributing Company and was a major philanthropist in Tampa. He passed away in 2000. His wife, Polly, passed away in 2012.

Subsection 40 designates that portion of C.R. 435/Apopka-Vineland Road between Old Winter Garden Road and C.R. 439/Conroy-Windermere Road in Orange County as "Deputy Scott Pine Way."

Deputy Scott Pine took his oath as Deputy Sheriff on May 23, 2011, promising to protect and defend the citizens of Orange County. He received the Deputy of the Month in 2014 and was encouraged to assist and mentor new assigned deputies. On February 11, 2014, Deputy Pine was working patrol on the midnight shift when he responded to a call of vehicle burglary. Upon arrival at the scene, Deputy Pine gave chase to a suspect, and the suspect shot Deputy Pine. He succumbed to his injuries, leaving his wife and three young children.

Subsection 41 designates that portion of U.S. 90/S.R. 10 between N. Woodward Avenue and Wadsworth Street in Leon County as “Danny A. Pino Way.”

Danny A. Pino was born in Miami-Dade County on April 29, 1995, and played baseball for the United States Merchant Marine Academy, before returning home to study at Florida International University and joining the Reserve Officer Training Corps in September 2014. His life was cut short on September 28, 2014, after being accidentally struck by a car. His final act of valor was donating his organs to two boys, ages seven and 12, and a 63-year-old man.

Subsection 42 designates that portion of I-95/S.R. 9 between S.R. 842/Broward Boulevard and SR 838/ Sunrise Boulevard in Broward County as “Potter’s Field Memorial Highway.”

North Woodlawn Cemetery was established during the 1920s, northwest of the present day intersection of NW 9th Street and NW 19th Avenue. It is the resting place of many prominent members of Fort Lauderdale’s African-American community, as it was the only cemetery in which African-Americans could be buried from the time segregation laws went into effect in 1927, until the Sunset Memorial Gardens opened in 1962 and racial segregation ended in 1964. The first available historic map of North

Woodlawn Cemetery is from 1940. It shows four blocks of cemetery and a potter's field at the west. A "potter's field" is the term used for the burial place of unknown or indigent people, and this section of North Woodlawn Cemetery included burials of people who were unknown to the community and had no local family and friends.

Subsection 43 designates that portion of S.R. 19 between S.R. 50 and C.R. 478/Cherry Lake Road in Lake County "Sergeant Marvin L. Roberts Memorial Highway."

Born in Groveland, Sergeant Marvin L. Roberts graduated from Groveland High School in 1942. Enlisting in the Army in 1943, he landed on Omaha Beach as part of the third wave of the Normandy invasion on D-Day, then fought in the Battles of the Normandy Hedge-Rows, St. Lo, and the Hurtgen Forest before bravely fighting and losing his life in the Battle of the Bulge on January 15, 1945. Among other recognitions, he was honored with the Invasion Bronze Arrow-Head, Bronze Star, two Presidential Unit Citations, and the Purple Heart.

Subsection 44 designates, upon completion of construction, the interchange on the Florida Turnpike Mainline at milepost 279 in Lake County as "Tera Ross Memorial Interchange."

Tera Ross was killed in a traffic accident in December 2003. Her accident led to the creation of the Mainline Safety Program. This program used the presence of guardrails to prevent similar cross over accidents.

Subsection 45 designates that portion of Howard Avenue between West Main Street and West Columbus Drive in Hillsborough County as "Judge E.J. Salcines Way."

Judge E.J. Salcines was a career federal and state prosecutor for 22 years and in private practice for 13 years before being appointed as a judge on the appellate court in 1998, where he served until his retirement in 2008.

Subsection 46 designates portion of U.S. 41/S.R. 45/Tamiami Trail between Corkscrew Road/C.R. 850 and Coconut Road in Lee County as "Coach Jeff Sommer Highway."

Coach Jeff Sommer was a teacher, athletic director, and legendary track coach who dedicated 38 years to Lee County Schools, most of which were spent at Estero High School.

Subsection 47 designates that portion of S.R. 371/373/Orange Avenue between S.R. 263/Capital Circle and S.R. 61/Monroe Street in Leon County as "C. K. Steele Memorial Highway."

In 1956, 38 year-old C.K. Steele moved to Tallahassee where he served as minister at the Bethel Baptist Church until his death in 1980. He organized a bus boycott in Tallahassee in 1956 after two black college students were arrested for sitting in the "whites only" section of a city bus, successfully integrating bus service in the community. He also worked to integrate Tallahassee's schools, restaurants, theaters, and other public facilities. He became a national figure in the civil rights movement, helping to organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He participated in many national civil rights protests, including the famous march in Selma, Alabama.

Subsection 48 designates that portion of I-75/S.R. 93A between Fowler Avenue and Fletcher Avenue in Hillsborough County as "Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas Memorial Highway."

Lieutenant Benedict J. Thomas was a member of the Florida Highway Patrol killed in the line of duty. On June 9, 1989, Lieutenant Thomas was struck by a passing car while walking back to his vehicle after investigating an abandoned vehicle on Interstate 75 in Tampa. Lieutenant Thomas had served the citizens of Florida, with the Florida Highway Patrol, for 11 years and was 32 years of age at the time of his death.

Subsection 49 designates that portion of U.S. 41/S.R. 90/S.W. 8th Street between S.W. 53rd Avenue and S.W. 56th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Lorenzo de Toro Way."

Mr. de Toro is the founder of Revista Ideal, the longest-existing published magazine of the Cuban exile community. July 2015 marked the 45th anniversary of the publication.

Subsection 50 designates that portion of S.R. 948/N.W. 36th Street between Curtiss Parkway/N.W. 57th Avenue and N.W. 67th Avenue in Miami-Dade County as "Virginia Gardens Boulevard."

Virginia Gardens Boulevard is designated for the portion of S.R. 948 which runs adjacent to the Village of Virginia Gardens.

Subsection 51 designates that portion of S.R. 368 between U.S. 98/S.R. 30 and S.R. 390 in Bay County as "Col. William W. Wood Memorial Highway."

Colonel William W. Wood was a Lt. Colonel assigned to the Army National Guard's 1st Battalion, 184th Infantry Regiment. He was killed by a bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, while directing security operations following an explosion. He died on October 27, 2005, leaving his wife and daughter, and was posthumously promoted to Colonel.

Subsection 52 directs DOT to erect suitable markers designating each of the above designations.

The bill provides an effective date of July 1, 2016.

B. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1 Creates transportation facility designations and directs DOT to erect suitable markers.

Section 2 Provides an effective date.

II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

DOT will incur costs of approximately \$51,000 from the State Transportation Trust Fund for erecting markers for the designations. This is based on the assumption that two markers for each designation will be erected at a cost of \$500 per marker. DOT will also incur the recurring costs of maintaining these signs over time, and for future replacement of the signs as necessary

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None.

2. Expenditures:

None.

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None.

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

None.

III. COMMENTS

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

Not Applicable. This bill does not appear to affect county or municipal governments.

2. Other:

None.

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None.

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

The following designations are not on the State Highway System:

- Sam Jones Trail
- Mary Ellen Hawkins Street
- Candice Ellize Francois Street
- Gonzmart Memorial Road
- Judge E.J. Salcines Way
- Barkett Memorial Road
- Nick Capitano Memorial Road
- Dr. Clifford Garfield O'Connor Road.
- Patriot Way
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- Reverend Wilner Maxy Street
- Mr. Luis Fernando Brande Street
- Horacio S. Garcia Street
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IV. AMENDMENTS/ COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE CHANGES