

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to road designations;
3 designating the Gratigny Parkway in Dade County
4 as the "Marlins Expressway"; directing the
5 Department of Transportation to erect suitable
6 markers; designating a portion of State Road
7 267 in Gadsden County as the "Pat Thomas
8 Parkway"; directing the Department of
9 Transportation to erect suitable markers;
10 designating a portion of State Road 528 in
11 Brevard County as the "Kennedy Space Center
12 Highway"; directing the Department of
13 Transportation to erect suitable markers;
14 designating a portion of the Polk County
15 Highway as the "James Henry Mills Medal of
16 Honor Parkway"; directing the Department of
17 Transportation to erect suitable markers;
18 designating a portion of N.W. 167th Street in
19 Miami Lakes as "Zuly Reyes Road"; directing the
20 Department of Transportation to erect suitable
21 markers; designating State Road 50 within
22 Hernando County as the "Deputy Lonnie Coburn
23 Memorial Highway"; directing the Department of
24 Transportation to erect suitable markers;
25 co-designating the MacArthur Causeway Bridge in
26 Miami-Dade County as the "Trooper Robert G.
27 Smith Bridge"; directing the Department of
28 Transportation to erect suitable markers;
29 designating the Florida Turnpike as the "Ronald
30 Reagan Turnpike"; directing the Department of
31 Transportation to erect suitable markers;

1 designating a portion of State Road 71 South in
2 Jackson County as the "Pete Peterson Parkway";
3 directing the Department of Transportation to
4 erect suitable markers; designating that
5 portion of State Road 71 extending through Port
6 St. Joe (known as 5th Street) as "Cecil G.
7 Costin, Sr. Boulevard"; directing the
8 Department of Transportation to erect suitable
9 markers; designating a portion of Coral Way in
10 Miami as the "Ofelia Perez-Roura Memorial Way"
11 directing the Department of Transportation to
12 erect suitable markers; providing an effective
13 date.

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15 WHEREAS, each year many Floridians are killed or
16 injured in automobile accidents caused by drunk drivers, and

17 WHEREAS, on April 3, 1993, Zuly Reyes, age 17, the
18 daughter of Gladys and Robert Saavedra, was killed by a drunk
19 driver on the Palmetto access road (N.W. 167th Street, between
20 Miami Lakes Drive and N.W. 67th Avenue in Miami Lakes), and

21 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the
22 Legislature of the State of Florida commemorate the location
23 of this tragedy as a reminder to all drivers not to drink and
24 drive, and

25 WHEREAS, Hernando County Deputy Sheriff Lonnie Coburn
26 was murdered in the line of duty on February 21, 1978, at a
27 convenience store at the intersection of State Road 50 and
28 U.S. Highway 301, in Ridge Manor, Florida, and

29 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate for the
30 Legislature of the State of Florida to honor the memory of
31 this courageous young man, and

1 WHEREAS, Florida Highway Patrol Trooper Robert G.
2 Smith, a lifelong resident of Miami-Dade County, was killed in
3 the line of duty on July 26, 1997, by a suspected drunk
4 driver, and

5 WHEREAS, Trooper Smith joined the Florida Highway
6 Patrol in January 1993 and in December 1995 was appointed to
7 the Tri-County DUI Task Force that patrols the highways of
8 Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties removing
9 intoxicated drivers from our highways, and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Smith was recognized by Mothers
11 Against Drunk Driving on the local and statewide levels for 4
12 consecutive years and was a 4-year member of the prestigious
13 Florida Highway Patrol One Hundred Club for removing over 100
14 drunk drivers annually from the roadways, and

15 WHEREAS, the memory of Trooper Smith should not be
16 forgotten by the citizens of the state, and

17 WHEREAS, Ronald Wilson Reagan was the 40th President of
18 the United States of America, and

19 WHEREAS, President Reagan was one of the United States'
20 greatest and most beloved presidents and a true world leader,
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22 WHEREAS, through his leadership and refusal to
23 compromise, President Reagan won the Cold War for America and
24 virtually eliminated the threat of nuclear holocaust for all
25 Americans, and

26 WHEREAS, through his success in finding peace through
27 strength, fewer Florida servicemen and servicewomen are placed
28 in harm's way, and

29 WHEREAS, President Reagan's economic policies brought
30 Florida and the nation out of double-digit inflation and
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1 economically crushing high interest rates into 92 consecutive
2 months of economic growth, and

3 WHEREAS, President Reagan's unbridled optimism gives
4 Floridians and the nation cause to feel better about
5 ourselves, and

6 WHEREAS, his leadership encourages a rediscovery of the
7 values upon which our forefathers founded this nation, and

8 WHEREAS, his unending cause for freedom represents the
9 liberty to travel about our state and nation's highway system,
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11 WHEREAS, the people of Florida desire to honor
12 President Reagan in the State of Florida, and

13 WHEREAS, Pete Peterson served the United States Air
14 Force during the era of the Vietnam War, and

15 WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was a fighter pilot whose plane
16 was shot down over enemy territory in that war, and

17 WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was a Prisoner of War in the
18 infamous "Hanoi Hilton," and

19 WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was subsequently released from
20 the "Hanoi Hilton" and returned to the United States, and

21 WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was elected to the Congress of
22 the United States in 1990, and

23 WHEREAS, Pete Peterson served the Congress with honor
24 until 1996, and

25 WHEREAS, Pete Peterson was nominated by President Bill
26 Clinton to be the United States Ambassador to Vietnam, and

27 WHEREAS, the Senate of the United States confirmed the
28 nomination, and

29 WHEREAS, one century ago, on September 12, 1897, Cecil
30 G. Costin, Sr., was born in Lyons, Georgia, and

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1 WHEREAS, he moved to the area of Port St. Joe, Florida,
2 in 1910 and spent the remainder of his life there, and

3 WHEREAS, on July 19, 1922, he married Lola Pridgeon,
4 who became his life-long companion as they reared a family,
5 ran the family businesses, and served with great distinction
6 within the community, especially in their church, and

7 WHEREAS, Cecil G. Costin, Sr., continued to work in and
8 manage his business until his 100th birthday, which he
9 celebrated with his hundreds of friends and relatives
10 approximately three weeks before his death, and

11 WHEREAS, the exemplary life lived by Cecil G. Costin,
12 Sr., and his great works of charity and Christian living, were
13 a great example and an inspiration to the people of Port St.
14 Joe and the surrounding area, NOW, THEREFORE,

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16 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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18 Section 1. Gratigny Parkway designated; Department of
19 Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

20 (1) The Gratigny Parkway (State Road 924) is hereby
21 designated as the "Marlins Expressway."

22 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
23 erect suitable markers designating the Marlins Expressway as
24 described in subsection (1).

25 Section 2. Pat Thomas Parkway designated; Department
26 of Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

27 (1) State Road 267 in Gadsden County from Washington
28 Street, one block north of U.S. 90, south to State Road 20 is
29 hereby designated as the "Pat Thomas Parkway."

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1 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
2 erect suitable markers designating the "Pat Thomas Parkway" as
3 described in subsection (1).

4 Section 3. Kennedy Space Center Highway designated;
5 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

6 (1) That portion of State Road 528 from State Road 436
7 in Orange County east to State Road A1A in Brevard County is
8 hereby designated as the "Kennedy Space Center Highway."

9 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
10 erect suitable markers designating the "Kennedy Space Center
11 Highway" as described in subsection (1).

12 Section 4. James Henry Mills Medal of Honor Parkway
13 designated; the Department of Transportation to erect suitable
14 markers.--

15 (1) That portion of the Polk County Parkway from
16 Interstate 4 at the Polk/Hillsborough county line east to
17 State Road 37 in Lakeland is hereby designated as the "James
18 Henry Mills Medal of Honor Parkway."

19 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
20 erect suitable markers designating the "James Henry Mills
21 Medal of Honor Parkway" as described in subsection (1).

22 Section 5. Zuly Reyes Road designated; Department of
23 Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

24 (1) That portion of N.W. 167th Street, between Miami
25 Lakes Drive and N.W. 67th Avenue, known as "the big curve" in
26 Miami Lakes is designated as "Zuly Reyes Road."

27 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
28 erect suitable markers on N.W. 67th Avenue designating "Zuly
29 Reyes Road" as described in subsection (1).

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1 Section 6. Deputy Lonnie Coburn Memorial Highway
2 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable
3 markers.--

4 (1) That easterly portion of State Road 50 within
5 Hernando County to U.S. 301 is designated as the "Deputy
6 Lonnie Coburn Memorial Highway."

7 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
8 erect suitable markers on State Road 50 within Hernando County
9 designating the "Deputy Lonnie Coburn Memorial Highway" as
10 described in subsection (1).

11 Section 7. MacArthur Causeway Bridge co-designated as
12 the "Trooper Robert G. Smith Bridge"; Department of
13 Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

14 (1) The MacArthur Causeway Bridge located in
15 Miami-Dade County is hereby co-designated as the "Trooper
16 Robert G. Smith Bridge" as described in subsection (1).

17 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
18 erect suitable markers co-designating the MacArthur Causeway
19 Bridge as the "Trooper Robert G. Smith Bridge."

20 Section 8. Ronald Reagan Turnpike designated;
21 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

22 (1) The Florida Turnpike consisting of the 312
23 contiguous miles of limited-access toll highway stretching
24 from Florida City, where South Dade County meets the Florida
25 Keys, continuing northward through 11 counties, including the
26 greater metropolitan areas of Miami, Fort Lauderdale, West
27 Palm Beach, and Orlando, and ending at a junction with
28 Interstate 75 in North Central Florida is hereby designated as
29 the "Ronald Reagan Turnpike."

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1 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
2 erect suitable markers designating the "Ronald Reagan
3 Turnpike" as described in subsection (1).

4 Section 9. Pete Peterson Parkway designated;
5 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

6 (1) A portion of State Road 71 South in Jackson County
7 is to be named the "Pete Peterson Parkway." That portion shall
8 begin at the U.S. Highway 90 intersection of SR 71 and
9 commence Southward approximately 2.6 miles to the intersection
10 of County Road 280, also known as Rocky Creek Road.

11 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
12 erect suitable markers designating the "Pete Peterson Parkway"
13 as described in subsection (1).

14 Section 10. Cecil G. Costin, Sr., Boulevard
15 designated; Department of Transportation to erect suitable
16 markers.--

17 (1) That portion of State Road 71 extending through
18 Port St. Joe (known as 5th Street) is designated the "Cecil G.
19 Costin, Sr., Boulevard."

20 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
21 erect suitable markers designating the "Cecil G. Costin, Sr.,
22 Boulevard" as described in subsection (1).

23 Section 11. Ofelia Perez-Roura Memorial Way;
24 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

25 (1) That portion of S.W. 24th Street (known as Coral
26 Way) extending between S.W. 28th Avenue and S.W. 29th Avenue
27 in Miami is designated as the "Ofelia Perez-Roura Memorial
28 Way."

29 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
30 erect suitable markers designating the "Ofelia Perez-Roura
31 Memorial Way" as described in subsection (1).

1 Section 12. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
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