

By the Committee on Transportation and Senators Burt, Forman  
and Dyer

306-707-98

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to building designations;  
3           naming that portion of the Florida Department  
4           of Transportation District Five Headquarters  
5           Building in Deland completed March 26, 1993, as  
6           the "Ben G. Watts Building"; designating a  
7           specified bridge in Pasco County as the "Father  
8           Felix Ullrich Bridge"; providing for the  
9           erection of markers; providing an effective  
10          date.  
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12          WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts dedicated 23 years of his life to  
13          public service with the Department of Transportation, and  
14          WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts served a vital role in developing  
15          Central Florida's transportation planning and funding from  
16          1984 to 1989 as Director of Production and then as District  
17          Secretary of the Department of Transportation's District Five,  
18          and  
19          WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts served from 1989 to 1997 as  
20          Secretary of Transportation, and  
21          WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts has been a leader in efforts to  
22          address this state's transportation needs, and  
23          WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ben G. Watts, this  
24          state doubled its annual expenditures on road and bridge  
25          improvements, while maintaining low administrative costs and  
26          high efficiency in the Department of Transportation, and  
27          WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts has advocated and cultivated an  
28          atmosphere of cooperation among municipal, county, and state  
29          governments as they address transportation needs and issues,  
30          and  
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1           WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts has been a visionary in  
2 supporting alternative forms of transportation, while  
3 preserving and expanding our road and bridge infrastructure,  
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5           WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts has demonstrated a standard of  
6 integrity toward which all public servants should strive, and

7           WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts is among this state's most  
8 respected leaders in the transportation field, and

9           WHEREAS, Father Felix Ullrich was an early pioneer of  
10 Christian activity in Pasco County, and

11           WHEREAS, Father Felix Ullrich said his first Mass in  
12 Pasco County in 1913, and

13           WHEREAS, Father Felix Ullrich founded Queen of Peace  
14 Catholic Church of Pasco County in 1919 and became its first  
15 resident priest in 1922, and

16           WHEREAS, Father Felix Ullrich has had a positive  
17 influence on Pasco County through his economic and social  
18 activities, and

19           WHEREAS, honoring Father Felix Ullrich would be a means  
20 of recognizing the pioneering spirit of all who came before  
21 us, while recognizing the contributions made by this humble  
22 man for his tireless labor for the community, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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26           Section 1. (1) That portion of the Department of  
27 Transportation District Five Headquarters Building completed  
28 March 26, 1993, which is located at 719 South Woodland  
29 Boulevard in DeLand, is designated as the "Ben G. Watts  
30 Building."

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1           (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to  
2 erect suitable markers bearing the designation made by this  
3 act.

4           Section 2. (1) State bridge 140067, located on State  
5 Road 54 in Pasco County, is designated the "Father Felix  
6 Ullrich Bridge."

7           (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to  
8 erect suitable markers designating the "Father Felix Ullrich  
9 Bridge" as described in subsection (1).

10           Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
11 law.

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13                           STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
14                           COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
15                           Senate Bill 178

16 The Committee Substitute distinguishes the portion of the  
17 Department of Transportation's District 5 Headquarters in  
18 Deland that was completed on March 26, 1993, as the portion to  
be named for former department secretary, Ben. G. Watts.

19 The Committee Substitute adds State bridge 140067, located on  
20 State Road 54 in Pasco county to be designated "Father Felix  
Ullrich Bridge", and directs the department to erect suitable  
21 markers.  
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