

By the Committee on Governmental Operations and
Representatives Kelly, Sindler, Heyman, Fasano and Posey

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to building, bridge, and
3 overpass designations; designating the Florida
4 Department of Transportation District Five
5 headquarters building located in Volusia County
6 as the "Ben G. Watts Building"; designating a
7 specified bridge in Pasco County as the "Father
8 Felix Ullrich Bridge"; designating Fiske
9 Boulevard overpass at Interstate Highway 95 in
10 Rockledge as the "Jack I. Korenblit Overpass";
11 directing the Department of Transportation to
12 erect suitable markers; providing an effective
13 date.

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15 WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts dedicated 23 years of his life to
16 public service with the Florida Department of Transportation,
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18 WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts served a vital role in
19 development of Central Florida's transportation planning and
20 funding from 1984 to 1989, first as Director of Production and
21 then as District Secretary of the Florida Department of
22 Transportation's District Five, and

23 WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts served from 1989 to 1997 as
24 Secretary of Transportation for the State of Florida, and

25 WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts has been a leader in efforts to
26 address the transportation needs of the State of Florida, and

27 WHEREAS, under the leadership of Ben G. Watts, the
28 State of Florida doubled the annual expenditures on road and
29 bridge improvements while maintaining low administrative costs
30 and high efficiency in Department of Transportation
31 operations, and

1 WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts has advocated and cultivated an
2 atmosphere of cooperation between municipal, county, and state
3 governments as they address transportation needs and issues,
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts has been a visionary in
6 supporting alternative forms of transportation while
7 preserving and expanding Florida's vital road and bridge
8 infrastructure, and

9 WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts has demonstrated a standard of
10 integrity toward which all public servants should strive, and

11 WHEREAS, Ben G. Watts is among the State of Florida's
12 most respected leaders in the transportation field, and

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

15 WHEREAS, Father Felix Ullrich said his first Mass in
16 Pasco County in 1913, and

17 WHEREAS, Father Felix Ullrich founded Queen of Peace
18 Catholic Church of Pasco County in 1919 and became its first
19 resident priest in 1922, and

20 WHEREAS, Father Felix Ullrich has had a positive
21 influence on Pasco County through his economic and social
22 activities, and

23 WHEREAS, honoring Father Felix Ullrich would be a means
24 of recognizing the pioneering spirit of all who came before
25 us, while recognizing the contributions made by this humble
26 man for his tireless labor for the community, and

27 WHEREAS, Jack I. Korenblit came to Florida as a
28 persecuted Jewish immigrant in search of freedom, and

29 WHEREAS, Jack I. Korenblit, through hard work and
30 dedication, became a community leader as president of the
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1 Brevard County Chamber of Commerce and as president of the
2 Florida Association of Realtors, and

3 WHEREAS, Jack I. Korenblit served his community in
4 leadership positions with the Cancer Society and United Way,
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6 WHEREAS, Jack I. Korenblit improved his community by
7 donating properties used for area parks, and

8 WHEREAS, Jack I. Korenblit donated the property used
9 for the Fiske Boulevard overpass at Interstate Highway 95,
10 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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14 Section 1. Designation of "Ben G. Watts Building";
15 Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

16 (1) The Florida Department of Transportation District
17 Five headquarters building, which is located at 719 South
18 Woodland Boulevard in DeLand, Florida, in Volusia County, is
19 designated as the "Ben G. Watts Building."

20 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
21 erect suitable markers designating the "Ben G. Watts Building"
22 as described in subsection (1).

23 Section 2. State bridge 140067 designated "Father
24 Felix Ullrich Bridge"; Department of Transportation to erect
25 suitable markers.--

26 (1) State bridge 140067 located on State Road 54 in
27 Pasco County is hereby designated the "Father Felix Ullrich
28 Bridge."

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

1 Section 3. Fiske Boulevard overpass at Interstate
2 Highway 95 designated "Jack I. Korenblit Overpass"; Department
3 of Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

4 (1) Fiske Boulevard overpass located at Interstate
5 Highway 95 in Rockledge is hereby designated the "Jack I.
6 Korenblit Overpass."

7 (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
8 erect suitable markers designating the "Jack I. Korenblit
9 Overpass" as described in subsection (1).

10 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
11 law.

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