

By Representative Betancourt

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to bridge designations;  
3           co-designating the MacArthur Causeway Bridge  
4           located in Miami-Dade County as the "Trooper  
5           Robert G. Smith Bridge"; directing the  
6           Department of Transportation to erect suitable  
7           markers; providing an effective date.

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

13                 WHEREAS, Trooper Smith joined the Florida Highway  
14          Patrol in January 1993 and in December 1995 was appointed to  
15          the Tri-County DUI Task Force that patrols the highways of  
16          Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties removing  
17          intoxicated drivers from our highways, and

18                 WHEREAS, Trooper Smith was recognized by Mothers  
19          Against Drunk Driving on the local and statewide levels for  
20          four consecutive years and was a four year member of the  
21          prestigious Florida Highway Patrol One Hundred Club for  
22          removing over 100 drunk drivers annually from the roadways,  
23          and

24                 WHEREAS, the memory of Trooper Smith should not be  
25          forgotten by the citizens of the state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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29                 Section 1. MacArthur Causeway Bridge co-designated as  
30          the "Trooper Robert G. Smith Bridge"; Department of  
31          Transportation to erect suitable markers.--

- 1       (1) The MacArthur Causeway Bridge located in
- 2 Miami-Dade County is hereby co-designated as the "Trooper
- 3 Robert G. Smith Bridge."
- 4       (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to
- 5 erect suitable markers co-designating the MacArthur Causeway
- 6 Bridge as described in subsection (1) the "Trooper Robert G.
- 7 Smith Bridge."

8           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
9 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Co-designates the MacArthur Causeway Bridge in Miami-Dade  
County as the "Trooper Robert G. Smith Bridge" and  
directs the Department of Transportation to erect  
suitable markers.