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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to designation of facilities  
and structures; designating a specified bridge  
in Fort Lauderdale the "E. Clay Shaw, Jr.,  
Bridge"; designating a specified portion of  
highway in Fort Lauderdale the "Commodore Brook  
Memorial Causeway"; providing an effective  
date.

WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., has represented Fort  
Lauderdale and Broward County, serving with distinction in the  
U.S. House of Representatives since 1981, and in this capacity  
has authored the welfare reform act, helped obtain funding for  
Interstate 595, increased funding for U.S. Customs for  
drug-interdiction and surveillance activities, secured funding  
for restoration projects for the Everglades, and worked  
diligently to obtain federal funding for the new 17th Street  
Causeway Bridge, and

WHEREAS, Congressman E. Clay Shaw, Jr., is a native  
Floridian, and he and his family have made their home in Fort  
Lauderdale for over 30 years, and

WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., has served the City of Fort  
Lauderdale with distinction, beginning in 1968 as Assistant  
City Attorney, Chief City Prosecutor, and Associate Municipal  
Judge; as City Commissioner from 1971 to 1973; as Vice Mayor  
from 1973 to 1975; and as Mayor from 1975 to 1980, and

WHEREAS, during his years of service on the Fort  
Lauderdale City Commission, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., assured the  
preservation of the beauty of the city by establishing the  
tree ordinance, the sign ordinance, and the first city  
beautification board, and

1           WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., chaired the blue ribbon  
2 general obligation bond committee whose efforts led to strong  
3 community support for funding the revitalization of Fort  
4 Lauderdale Beach, development of Riverwalk, initiation of  
5 neighborhood enhancements, construction assistance for the  
6 Museum of Discovery and Science, and improvements to the  
7 International Swimming Hall of Fame, and

8           WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., was recognized with the  
9 Downtowner of the Year Award for his contribution to the  
10 revitalization of downtown Fort Lauderdale, and

11           WHEREAS, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., has spent a majority of his  
12 adult life serving the people of Fort Lauderdale, ensuring  
13 their quality of life and that of future generations, and

14           WHEREAS, Commodore Avylen Harcourt Brook has made  
15 significant contributions to the City of Fort Lauderdale and  
16 to the state, and

17           WHEREAS, Commodore Brook helped found the Fort  
18 Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce and the Fort Lauderdale Rotary  
19 Club, and

20           WHEREAS, Commodore Brook led the push to open the  
21 city's first municipal swimming pool, which became the  
22 International Swimming Hall of Fame, and

23           WHEREAS, Commodore Brook helped set up, and was the  
24 Chairman of, the city's Planning and Zoning Board, and

25           WHEREAS, Commodore Brook was Chairman of the Inland  
26 Navigation District, and

27           WHEREAS, Commodore Brook championed the free use of the  
28 Intracoastal Waterway and coined the designation of the City  
29 of Fort Lauderdale as "the Venice of America," NOW, THEREFORE,

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

