

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

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

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

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

27           WHEREAS, during his years of service on the Fort  
28   Lauderdale City Commission, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., assured the  
29   preservation of the beauty of the city by establishing the  
30   tree ordinance, the sign ordinance, and the first city  
31   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:

1           Section 1. The bridge crossing the Intracoastal  
2 Waterway on State Road A1A/Southeast 17th Street in Fort  
3 Lauderdale is designated the E. Clay Shaw, Jr., Bridge, and  
4 that portion of State Road A1A/Southeast 17th Street in Fort  
5 Lauderdale between Southeast 23rd Avenue and the Mercedes  
6 River Bridge and between U.S. 1 and Eisenhower Boulevard is  
7 designated the Commodore Brook Memorial Causeway.

8           Section 2. The Department of Transportation is  
9 directed to erect appropriate markers designating the E. Clay  
10 Shaw, Jr., Bridge and the Commodore Brook Memorial Causeway.

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