

By Senator Casas

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to a road designation;
3 designating a portion of Southwest 87th Avenue
4 from Coral Way to Bird Road in Miami-Dade
5 County as the "Saint Marcellin Champagnat Way";
6 directing the Department of Transportation to
7 erect suitable markers; providing an effective
8 date.

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10 WHEREAS, Marcellin Champagnat, who was born in France
11 in 1789, became closely attached to a number of his classmates
12 at the major seminary of the archdiocese of Lyons, who would
13 later become the nucleus of what would be the Society of Mary
14 or the Marist Fathers, and

15 WHEREAS, Marcellin Champagnat established a network of
16 Marist schools in France to instill in the French youth a
17 strong belief in a respect and devotion to Mary, the Mother of
18 Christ, and

19 WHEREAS, the Marist family continued to grow beyond the
20 Fathers and Brothers, with the addition of the Marist Sisters,
21 the Marist Missionary Sisters, and the Third Order of Mary,
22 and the Marist Schools continued to spread throughout France
23 and around the world, and

24 WHEREAS, today there are some 6200 Marist Brothers
25 working in 75 countries, and they now carry on their
26 educational ministry in fourteen states in this nation, and

27 WHEREAS, on April 18, 1999, Marcellin Champagnat,
28 founder of the Marist Brothers Schools will be honored by the
29 Roman Catholic Church when he is canonized in a ceremony at
30 the St. Peter Basilica in Rome, and

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1 WHEREAS, the Marist Brothers have been contributing to
2 Miami-Dade County since 1958, and

3 WHEREAS, the Marist Brothers own and operate
4 Christopher Columbus High School, where more than seven
5 thousand students have graduated and gone on to serve their
6 community, their state, and their nation in every facet of our
7 society, including clergy, government officials, prominent
8 doctors and lawyers, and even professional athletes, and

9 WHEREAS, S.W. 87th Avenue runs in front of Christopher
10 Columbus High School and St. Brendan Catholic Church between
11 Coral Way and Bird Road, and

12 WHEREAS, the local clergy and the Catholic community
13 have asked that Saint Marcellin Champagnat Way be unveiled on
14 Sunday, April 18th, as part of the local festivities and
15 celebration taking place at Christopher Columbus High School
16 honoring the canonization of Saint Marcellin Champagnat by the
17 Pope, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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21 Section 1. Southwest 87th Avenue from Coral Way to
22 Bird Road in Miami-Dade County is designated as the "Saint
23 Marcellin Champagnat Way."

24 Section 2. The Department of Transportation is
25 directed to erect suitable markers designating the "Saint
26 Marcellin Champagnat Way."

27 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
28 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Designates a portion of Southwest 87th Avenue from Coral Way to Bird Road in Miami-Dade County as the "Saint Marcellin Champagnat Way" and directs the Department of Transportation to erect suitable markers.