

By Senator Clary

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to bridge designations; naming  
3           the Destin Bridge at East Pass the "William T.  
4           Marler Bridge"; providing for the the erection  
5           of markers; providing an effective date.

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7           WHEREAS, William T. Marler, known affectionately by all  
8           in the community of Destin, Florida, as "Uncle Billy," came to  
9           the community that is now known as Destin in 1879 at the age  
10          of thirteen to fish with Captain Leonard Destin, Sr., and

11          WHEREAS, "Uncle Billy" became Destin's first  
12          postmaster, a position he held for 46 years, bringing the mail  
13          by boat from Pensacola, and

14          WHEREAS, "Uncle Billy" was a fine carpenter who built  
15          everything from boats to caskets, and

16          WHEREAS, "Uncle Billy" established a tradition in  
17          Destin, still practiced today, of a Christmas Eve party for  
18          the children of Destin, and

19          WHEREAS, "Uncle Billy" served as the light tender for  
20          the East Pass buoys, guiding boats safely home for 34 years,  
21          and

22          WHEREAS, William T. Marler is held in high esteem by  
23          all the residents of Destin, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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27                  Section 1. (1) The Destin Bridge at East Pass is  
28                  designated the "William T. Marler Bridge."

29                  (2) The Department of Transportation is directed to  
30                  erect suitable markers bearing the designation made by this  
31                  act.

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

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5                               SENATE SUMMARY

6           Designates the Destin Bridge at East Pass as the "William  
7 T. Marler Bridge." Provides for the erection of markers.

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