

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to designations; designating
3 the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward County as
4 the "Jerry Thompson Expressway"; directing the
5 Department of Transportation to erect markers;
6 designating the State Veterans' Nursing Home in
7 Pembroke Pines as the Alexander "Sandy"
8 Nininger, Jr. State Veterans' Nursing Home;
9 directing the Department of Veterans' Affairs
10 to erect suitable markers; designating the
11 Florida Records Storage Center of the
12 Department of State as the Jim Smith Building;
13 directing the Department of State to erect
14 suitable markers; providing an effective date.

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16 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., a graduate of
17 Ft. Lauderdale High School and the United States Military
18 Academy, served as a First Lieutenant in the United States
19 Army, and

20 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., was serving
21 with Company K, 57th Infantry, Philippine Scouts, when he
22 engaged enemy forces near Abucay, Bataan, Philippine Islands
23 on January 12, 1942, and

24 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., repeatedly
25 forced his way into hostile positions and engaged in
26 hand-to-hand combat with an enemy force having superior
27 firepower, and

28 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., despite being
29 wounded three times, continued his attacks, pushing alone far
30 behind enemy lines, and

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1 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr.'s bravery and
2 heroic actions resulted in his death at the hands of the
3 enemy, and

4 WHEREAS, Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., was awarded
5 the Congressional Medal of Honor on February 10, 1942, for
6 exceptional courage, fortitude, and devotion to duty, NOW,
7 THEREFORE,

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

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11 Section 1. The State Veterans' Home in Pembroke Pines
12 is designated the Alexander "Sandy" Nininger, Jr., State
13 Veterans' Nursing Home.

14 Section 2. The Department of Veterans' Affairs is
15 directed to erect suitable markers bearing the designation
16 made by this act.

17 Section 3. (1) The building currently housing the
18 Florida Records Storage Center of the Department of State,
19 located at 4319 Shelfer Road in Tallahassee, is designated the
20 "Jim Smith Building" in honor of former Secretary of State Jim
21 Smith who served as Florida's 21st Secretary of State from
22 August 5, 1987, to January 3, 1995.

23 (2) The Department of State shall erect suitable
24 markers bearing the designation made by this section.

25 Section 4. (1) The Sawgrass Expressway (SR 869)
26 located in Broward County is designated the "Jerry Thompson
27 Expressway" in honor of the late Broward County Commissioner
28 who served from November 1974 through November 1996.

29 (2) The Department of Transportation shall erect
30 suitable markers bearing the designation made by this section.

31 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.