

By Senator Forman

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to road designations;
3 designating the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward
4 County as the "Jerry Thompson Expressway";
5 directing the Department of Transportation to
6 erect markers; providing an effective date.

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8 WHEREAS, Gerald F. Thompson, chair and founding member
9 of the Broward County Expressway Authority, vigorously fought
10 to develop the Sawgrass Expressway in West Broward on time and
11 under budget, and

12 WHEREAS, the regional shopping center and tourist
13 attraction Sawgrass Mills and the hockey arena and other area
14 development would not have been possible without the
15 expressway, and

16 WHEREAS, Gerald F. Thompson served 22 years as a county
17 commissioner, the longest of any person in Broward history,
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Gerald F. Thompson helped merge the county's
20 libraries into a countywide system, was the swing vote for the
21 Broward County Convention Center, fought to get an
22 entertainment tax passed to support arts and culture, and
23 helped develop an outstanding county park system, and

24 WHEREAS, Gerald F. Thompson championed the Performing
25 Art Center, Fort Lauderdale Hollywood International Airport
26 Expansion, and women's rights, and

27 WHEREAS, Gerald F. Thompson's public service dates to
28 1964, when he was elected councilman and then Mayor of Wilton
29 Manors, serving for 10 years, and

30 WHEREAS, Gerald F. Thompson served as President of the
31 Broward League of Cities, Chair of the South Florida Regional

1 Planning Council, Director of the Florida League of Cities,
2 and Director of the National Association of County Officials,
3 and as a member of the Florida Association of Counties, and
4 WHEREAS, Gerald F. Thompson died March 29,1999, after
5 dedicating nearly half his life to public service, NOW,
6 THEREFORE,

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

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10 Section 1. (1) The Sawgrass Expressway (SR 869)
11 located in Broward County is designated the "Jerry Thompson
12 Expressway" in honor of the late Broward County Commissioner
13 who served from November 1974 through November 1996.

14 (2) The Department of Transportation shall erect
15 suitable markers bearing the designation made by this act.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

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21 the "Jerry Thompson Expressway." Directs the Department
22 of Transportation to erect markers.

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